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OFF TO THE RACES — MARK FARMER

500 Sails' sailing canoes go underway in the main lagoon of Saipan, soon after the official launch of the group's newest canoe, *Animuyo,* yesterday morning in San Jose, across the Bank of Saipan. 500 Sails is a local organization dedicated to the preservation of tradition maritime sailing practices and traditions.

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Benavente tapped to help MVA

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has granted the request of Marianas Visitors Authority board chair Viola Alepuyo to have Labor Secretary Vicky Benavente help MVA in the event it takes awhile to find a new managing director for the agency.

Benavente

"She has experience and will move forward on the progress MVA has done," Torres told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, referring

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Public got to feel like firefighters

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Members of the public had the chance to become a firefighter for a day during the Saipan Muster Challenge Exhibition hosted by Commonwealth Ports Authority Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting in partnership with the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services at the CPA Airport Field last Saturday, despite the on and off rainy weekend showers.

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Prior to the public's try at the course, ARFF firefighters, which consisted of firefighter Frankie Muna who

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N. Korea: US carrier's return aggravates tensions

By HYUNG-JIN KIM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea warned Saturday the U.S. redeployment of an aircraft carrier near the Korean Peninsula is causing a "considerably huge negative splash" in regional security, as it defended its recent missile tests as a "righteous reaction" to intimidating military drills between its rivals.

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Katori group returns after over 2 years

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Katori Jingu representatives have returned to Saipan for a visit, two years since their last visit to the islands due to COVID-19 restriction.

Representatives of the Katori Jingu shrine in Japan visited the Saipan Mayor's Office last Oct. 3 in their first visit to Saipan since travel restrictions were put in place

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Katori Jingu representatives have returned to Saipan, two years since their last visit due to COVID-19 restriction. From left to right are Hiroki Tajima, PDI; Youki Kishimoto, Saipan Mayor's Office Student Exchange coordinator; Henry S. Hofschneider, special assistant to Mayor David M. Apatang; Noboru Hirayama, chairman, Kyowa Constructions; Noriko Ida, Kyowa Constructions; Shingo Katori, Katori priest; and Yoichi Matsumura, Kyowa Constructions. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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Case dismissed vs man accused of molesting minor

The case that accuses a man of sexually assaulting a minor has been dismissed in Superior Court after the Office of the Attorney General filed a motion to dismiss the case.

Last Friday, the Office of the Attorney General filed a motion to dismiss the case against Jose Fejeran Tudela, 57, with Chief Prosecutor Chester Hinds stating that the dismissal request was in the "interest of justice."

During a hearing last Friday, Superior Court Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja granted the motion and dismissed the lawsuit without prejudice, meaning the prosecution can refile the case in the future.

Following the hearing, Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho issued an order on the same day releasing Tudela from the Department of Corrections.

Tudela was accused of sexually assaulting a sixth grader and was charged with one count of sexual abuse of a minor in the first degree.

He was represented by attorney Charity Hodson.

According to court documents, Tudela was arrested after the minor allegedly reported the long ongoing abuse to a school counselor at a local middle school, who then reported the matter to police. Department of Public Safety officers who responded to the scene said that one of the school's counselors confirmed the incident.

The counselor told police that at around 10am that day, the victim informed her that she had been sexually assaulted by Tudela since she was in the third grade, with the last incident happening the on Sept. 24.

Later, in an interview with the minor, she confirmed that the most recent incident happened at around 10pm on Sept. 24.

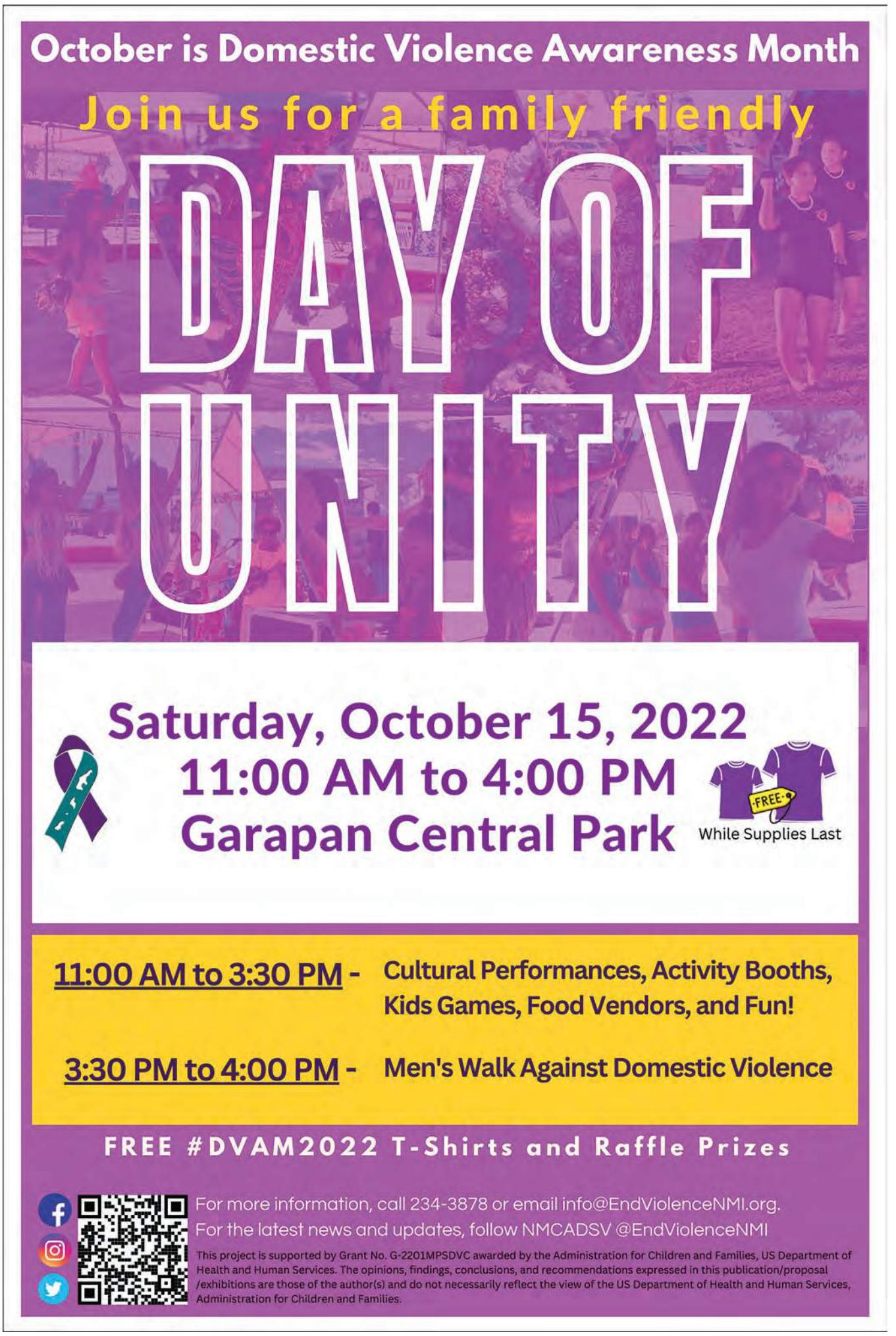
The victim said she had intended to go to the bathroom that night and when she walked out of her bedroom, she saw Tudela in there so she went to the living room instead. Tudela allegedly approached her there and pulled her shorts to the side and molested her.

The victim said she tried to push Tudela off with her hands and legs, but he kept pushing her hand and legs out of the way. She allegedly told him to stop but he told her to "shut up" and kept looking out into the hallway.

Prior to the incident, the victim said on Sept. 22, Tudela took her hand and placed it on his privates.

The victim also informed police that the first incident happened when she was in third grade. At around 11am while she was getting ready for school, Tudela allegedly approached her while she was putting on a pair of long pants and took off her pants and underwear and proceeded to sexually abuse her.

Another incident she recalled was when she was in fourth grade. She stated she was at home when Tudela approached her, grabbed her legs, and sexually abused her. ***(Kimberly B. Esmores)***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US CODEL tours Tinian

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) disclosed over the weekend that three members of a U.S. Congressional Delegation visited Tinian Tuesday last week.

Sablan, in his e-kilili newsletter, also reminded those in public service with school loans for 10 years or more that they can receive a temporary loan forgiveness waiver through President Joe Biden administration's Public Service Loan Forgiveness program until Oct. 31, 2022.

He said the visiting members of the Congressional Delegation were led by Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-Florida), who chairs the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs.

Also with the delegation were Rep. Ed Case (D-Hawaii) and Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Iowa).

The delegate said he was on Tinian to greet his colleagues and join them on a tour of the Air Force divert airfield, North Field, and the Tinian Harbor.

The tour was joined by Joint Region Marianas commander Rear Adm. Benjamin Nicholson and members of the Tinian leadership.

"I thank the CODEL for their visit, project oversight, and for listening to the concerns of our local officials," Sablan said.

With respect to the school loans, the delegate said the waiver gives borrowers—teachers, school staff, nurses, members of the military, and other employees of a federal, state, territorial, or local government agency—credit for past periods of repayment on federal student loans, even loans that previously did not qualify for PSLF (Federal Family Education Loans, Federal Perkins Loans, Federally Insured Student Loans, National Defense Student Loans, and other types of federal loans that are not direct loans)—as long as the borrower consolidates them into a federal direct loan.

He said the waiver also counts past late and partial payments and certain periods of forbearance toward the PSLF credit. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Public invited to Rosary Rally on Saturday

Rosary Rally captain Dr. Celia Lamkin, founder of The World Needs Fatima, is inviting the public to a Public Rosary Rally in commemoration of the 105th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima and the Miracle of Sun this Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022, starting at 12pm in Guam/ Saipan (10am Manila time)

Register in advance for this event at: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9Gi9KXU9TtCZgzMBUMBX1w

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the rosary rally. ***(PR)***

Karidat temporarily stops accepting clothes, household items

Starting last Oct. 7, 2022, Karidat Social Services will be unable to accept donations of clothing or household goods due to renovations being made to its storage area. Because of this Karidat is unable to store any incoming donations.

They anticipate to begin accepting donations once again by Jan. 1, 2023. If the renovations are completed sooner, Karidat will let the public know. They will continue to accept canned food donations.

Karidat wishes to thank the community for their generosity and continued support. ***(PR)***

‘Checks for Fisheries Assistance Part 2 have not been issued yet’

The Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse has clarified that the checks related to the CARES Act Fishermen Relief Assistance Program Part 2 have not been released yet.

In a statement issued Friday by the administrator of the Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse, Epiphanio E. Cabrera Jr., he said the checks have not arrived yet from Portland, Oregon. The checks will be mailed by the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission after all documents have been properly reviewed, funds obligated, and checks processed. They will then be sent out through the U.S. postal system.

The Office of the Governor and the Office of Grants Management & State Clearinghouse issued the statement to update those individuals and businesses that have applied for the CARES Act Fishermen Relief Assistance Program Part 2, especially as concerns were raised by the community regarding the release of checks.

“Over 2,400 applications were given out and a total of 1,825 applications were received. Only seven out of nine commercial fishing businesses will receive assistance amounting cumulatively to $29,819.93 and a total of 1,805 subsistence fishermen will receive a check for about $204.17 this time around. This figure is up 53% from last year’s total subsistence fishermen pool. The total allocated to the CNMI was $411,002, which is about $600,000 less than last year’s funding availability. About $8.52 will be returned to the PSMFC due to overage,” Cabrera added.

Cabrera inquired about the reduced funding from its federal counterparts and the response was that it was that, “due to the lack of tax documents stemming from commercial fishermen, federal officials were not able to quantify a good sample size, representative of actual assistance needed.”

“I believe that if we had all the tax records complete from every commercial fishing establishment, it would have demonstrated that we have an active commercial fishing population, and that we should receive more than a million dollars each time in relief assistance funding,” Cabrera reported.

“I want to thank the public for their patience as this fisheries assistance is still being processed by PSMFC, and notification will be made once the checks are on their way. I also want to recognize and thank DLNR and DFW for their collaboration with OGM-SC in putting together the Fisheries Relief Spend Plan Round 2, and OGM-SC for their work in coordinating the handling and review of submitted documents, all to ensure that assistance is provided for our local fishing community,” said Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres.

Commercial applicant awards are based on figures provided by the business that reflected actual loss. Award disbursements were based on a formula put together by the CNMI Division of Fish & Wildlife and approved by the Pacific State Marine Fisheries Commission. The CNMI received an appropriation of $411,002 to the program, of which $368,535.37 will be distributed among subsistence fishermen and $29,819.93 to commercial applicants. The remaining funds went to administrative fees on federal, state, and commission levels.

For more information, contact (670) 664-9994/5.”

All concerns and inquiries regarding anticipated awards should be addressed to the following:

Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission

205 SE Spokane St, Suite 100

Portland, OR 97202-6487. ***(PR)***

Kilili: CHCC will be getting $2.32M for Rota dialysis, tech upgrades, facility upgrades

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) said over the weekend that the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is receiving $2.32 million in federal funding for Rota peritoneal dialysis expansion, health information technology upgrades, and facility improvement.

Sablan stated in his *e-kilili* newsletter that the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the funding availability last Wednesday.

Of the three projects, the peritoneal dialysis expansion on Rota and health information technology upgrades are included in Sablan’s fiscal year 2022 earmarks for Marianas community projects.

The delegate said the $391,500 grant for Rota peritoneal dialysis expansion will be used to purchase computers and related equipment to support dialysis treatment programs and fund facility improvements to CHCC’s clinic on Rota.

He said the $980,639 grant for health information technology will be used to upgrade CHCC’s existing public announcement and phone systems, internet connectivity, and alarm systems.

Sablan said the $953,000 grant for facility improvement will be used to renovate and upgrade all 86 inpatient rooms at the Commonwealth Health Center. Of the 86 rooms, 16 will be converted to airborne infection isolation rooms that meet the Centers for Disease Control guidelines.

Sablan said the funding will also be used to purchase new furniture and add space in staff break areas to allow for social distancing.

The delegate said these three projects, worth a total of $2,325,139, will improve access to health care in the Marianas by reducing the number of off-island referrals, improving continuity of care, and renovating hospital facilities. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Celebrating American Public Power Week in public schools

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is celebrating “American Public Power Week” from Oct. 2 to 8, 2022, along with more than 2,000 other community-powered, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 49 million Americans.

This is the first year since the pandemic that CUC has celebrated American Public Power Week.

“This year we are focusing on educating the next generation of CUC customers on the benefits of public power. As technology improves, we hope to provide better services that will help sustain our renewable resources so that we can benefit from lower rates,” said CUC executive director Gary Camacho.

As part of this effort, CUC gave presentations to third, fourth, and fifth grade public school students on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. CUC staff from each division such as Power Generation, Transmission and Distribution, and Water/Wastewater took some time to educate students about their roles, duties, responsibilities, and how each division plays a key role.

During the presentation, students were asked several questions such as why power or electricity is important to our community, what are ways we can conserve water, and why it’s important to share tips on typhoon preparedness.

Students who responded were awarded with energy special agent and leak detection water saver badges. Other lucky participants had the opportunity to receive bookmarks and coloring books that provided water or energy conservation tips. ***(PR)***

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October 7, 2022

Re: **Results of NMI Bar Evaluations for Candidates for Judicial Retention**

Dear Members of the NMI Bar Association and the General Public of the CNMI:

The following are the results of the NMI Bar Association’s recent evaluation of judicial candidates standing for judicial retention. The evaluation was conducted according to the NMI Bar Association’s “Resolution to Establish and Implement a Procedure for Evaluation of Judicial Nominees and Candidates for Judicial Retention.” CNMI voters will cast their votes for judicial retention via early voting and will continue voting up to the Election Day on November 8, 2022. The following scale was used to rate the candidate’s performance:

1. Unacceptable. Seldom meets minimum standards of performance.
2. Deficient. Does not always meet minimum standards of performance.
3. Acceptable. Meets minimum standards of performance.
4. Good. Often exceeds minimum standards of performance.
5. Excellent. Consistently exceeds minimum standards of performance.

For any items in which a member lacked sufficient information from their own observation to fairly and accurately rate performance or items, the rating system asked members to answer “Don’t Know” or “Does Not Apply.”

There are currently approximately 165 active attorneys in the NMI Bar Association, with approximately 95 attorneys with active status on-island. The survey period closed on September 30, 2022 , with 28 surveys submitted for Associate Justice John Manglona, 27 surveys submitted for Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, and 32 surveys for Associate Judge Wesley M. Bogdan.

The results were tabulated and appear on the following pages:

FINAL RESULTS FOR EVALUATION FOR JUSTICE JOHN A. MANGLONA:

Letter	Criteria	Average	Number of Responses for “Don’t Know/ Does Not Apply”
A	Experience	4.6	0
B	Integrity	4.5	0
C	Professional Competence	4.5	0
D	Judicial Temperament	4.7	0
E	Service to the Law and Contribution to the Effective Administration of Justice	4.4	2
F	Preparation	4.5	0
G	Attentiveness	4.5	0
H	Control over Judicial Proceedings	4.6	1
I	Judicial Management Skills	4.5	1
J	Courtesy to Litigants, Counsel, and Court Personnel	4.7	0
K	Public Disciplinary Sanctions	4.8	16
L	Quality of Judicial Opinions	4.2	0

Evaluations based on: Direct Professional Experience: 96% | Professional Reputation: 82% | Social Contacts: 46%

FINAL RESULTS FOR EVALUATION FOR JUDGE JOSEPH N. CAMACHO:

Letter	Criteria	Average	Number of Responses for “Don’t Know/Does Not Apply”
A	Experience	3.7	0
B	Integrity	3.2	0
C	Professional Competence	3.1	0
D	Judicial Temperament	3.4	0
E	Service to the Law and Contribution to the Effective Administration of Justice	3.5	1
F	Preparation	3.5	0
G	Attentiveness	3.7	0
H	Control over Judicial Proceedings	3.3	0
I	Judicial Management Skills	3.1	1
J	Courtesy to Litigants, Counsel, and Court Personnel	3.6	0
K	Public Disciplinary Sanctions	3.6	16
L	Quality of Judicial Opinions	3.0	0

Evaluations based on: Direct Professional experience: 96% | Professional Reputation: 67% | Social Contacts: 26%

FINAL RESULTS FOR EVALUATION FOR JUDGE WESLEY M. BOGDAN:

Letter	Criteria	Average	Number of Responses for “Don’t Know/ Does Not Apply”
A	Experience	2.6	1
B	Integrity	3.1	2
C	Professional Competence	2.6	2
D	Judicial Temperament	2.5	4
E	Service to the Law and Contribution to the Effective Administration of Justice	2.2	5
F	Preparation	2.8	4
G	Attentiveness	3.1	4
H	Control over Judicial Proceedings	2.7	5
I	Judicial Management Skills	2.4	5
J	Courtesy to Litigants, Counsel, and Court Personnel	2.5	3
K	Public Disciplinary Sanctions	2.9	24
L	Quality of Judicial Opinions	2.6	4

Evaluations based on: Direct Professional Experience: 90% | Professional Reputation: 65% | Social Contacts: 35%

For more information on the judicial selection and retention criteria, please read further.

Description of Judicial Selection and Retention Criteria.

Standard A.1: Selection Criteria.

(i) **Experience**. A candidate for judicial office should be a member of the Bar of the highest court of a state for at least 10 years and have been engaged in the practice or teaching of law, public interest law, or service in the judicial system.

(ii) **Integrity.** The candidate should be of high moral character and enjoy a general reputation in the community for honesty, industry and diligence.

(iii) **Professional Competence.** Professional competence includes intellectual capacity, professional and personal judgment, writing and analytical ability, knowledge of the law and breadth of professional experience, including courtroom and trial experience. Candidates for appellate judgeships should further demonstrate scholarly writing and academic talent, and the ability to write to develop a coherent body of law.

(iv) **Judicial Temperament.** Judicial temperament includes a commitment to equal justice under law, freedom from bias, ability to decide issues according to law, courtesy and civility, open-mindedness and compassion.

(v) **Service to the Law and Contribution to the Effective Administration of Justice.** Service to the law and contribution to the effective administration of justice includes professionalism and a commitment to improving the availability of providing justice to all those within the jurisdiction.

Standard A.2: Retention Criteria. In addition to the criteria set forth in Standard A.1, in evaluating the judicial performance of a judge standing for retention election, the following should be considered:

(i) **Preparation**
(ii) **Attentiveness and control over judicial proceedings;**
(iii) **Judicial management skills;**
(iv) **Courtesy to litigants, counsel and court personnel;**
(v) **Public disciplinary sanctions; and**
(vi) **Quality of judicial opinions.**

These evaluations are intended to provide information to the people of the Commonwealth in order to assist them in making reasoned decisions about whether to retain candidates for judicial office during general elections, as it is in the interest of the people of the Commonwealth to have judicial officers of the highest caliber.

Respectfully,

/s/ Charity Hodson
President
NMI Bar Association

CATTLE FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Commonwealth Economic Development Authority has received $440,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration to study the feasibility of the cattle industry on Tinian. In photo from left are Tinian rancher Ike Kiyoshi, Tinian Mayor Edwin Aldan, Mayor of Tinian staffer Carl Lou Espinosa, Northern Marianas College – Cooperative Research, Extension, and Education Services interim dean Patricia Coleman, CEDA loan manager Marie Coleman, Tinian Municipal Council chair Joseph Santos, Sen. Francisco Cruz, CEDA board member Jocelyn King, CNMI Small Business Development Center director/ adviser Benjamin Borja, Tinian Cattlemen's Association vice president and NMC-CREES employee Sam Palacios, Tinian Cattlemen's Association president Jose Dela Cruz, Senate President Jude Hofschneider, Department of Public Lands director Bernie San Nicolas, NMC Tinian Center executive director Maria H. Aguon, Rep. Patrick San Nicolas, and DPL board member Melanie Cruz.

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to Benavente who had worked with MVA for many years and previously served as MVA managing director.

Alepuyo said last night that because Benavente has previously served as MVA managing director, she asked the governor if Benavente could assist MVA if it takes time to look for a new managing director.

"The governor has granted my request and Ms. Benavente has graciously agreed to help MVA in whatever way she can," Alepuyo said.

She said she informed MVA deputy managing director Judy Torres during a recent board meeting that Benavente is ready and willing to help.

Alepuyo said that MVA managing director Priscilla M. Iakopo had to leave the board meeting to attend to some personal matters and did not return to the meeting.

Alepuyo said she, however, called Iakopo and informed her about the board's concerns and about the availability of Benavente to assist.

Iakopo recently resigned as MVA managing director to support her husband, Stanley T. Iakopo, who has also resigned as executive officer of the CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs.

Priscilla Iakopo's resignation will be effective Nov. 3, 2022.

Alepuyo clarified that the board has not appointed Benavente as the interim managing director.

However, Alepuyo said, in the coming days, they will consult Iakopo and Judy Torres and do whatever is best to ensure there is no disruption to the programs at MVA.

She noted that jumpstarting the tourism industry for the community is the most important goal for the MVA board, management, and staff.

The chair said the board is very concerned about MVA and all the programs and projects that they currently have going on.

"We are also very concerned about finding someone with leadership skills and experience in the tourism industry to take over as managing director," Alepuyo said.

She said Judy Torres is the MVA deputy managing director, but she has her own responsibilities and is also doing the work of critical positions that are currently vacant.

Alepuyo said currently, MVA is still looking to fill critical positions such as director of human resources, accounting, administrative services, and others.

The chair said as the board has advised the Legislature during public hearings and during previous board meetings that MVA is severely understaffed because they are unable to hire qualified applicants and pay them the salary they deserve.

In June 2004, Benavente officially served as MVA managing director, replacing Jonas Ogren. Prior to her appointment as MVA managing director, she served as MVA deputy managing director from 1988 until her appointment as MVA managing director.

Benavente started as a management intern and marketing assistant under the then-Marianas Visitors Bureau in 1988.

She served as an executive administrative assistant for Pacific Islands Club from December 2008 to July 2016. In November 2017, the Senate confirmed her appointment as Labor secretary.

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due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

During the visit, Katori Jingu priest Shingo Katori shared that Katori Jingu Japan plans to host the annual Katori Shrine ceremony virtually this year, followed by an in-person celebration of the annual Japanese Autumn Festival.

"Because it would be too soon for us organize travel plans for the Oct. 22, 2022, Katori Shrine ceremony at the Sugar King Park as we are still hoping that travel restrictions to and from Japan will be lifted soon by the Japan government, we decided to proceed with plans to have the ceremony virtually this year," said Katori.

He said It is expected that travel restrictions to and from Japan will be lifted before mid-October. The lifting of these restriction would mean visitors will be able to enter Japan with no restrictions.

"The Japanese Autumn Festival, featuring traditional Japanese arts, dance, music, food, and games, will be held following the Katori Shrine ceremony later this month. Our partner, the Japan Society of Saipan, will be helping in planning and organizing the festival. We do not know the venue of the festival at this time, but we will advise the public soon of the date, place, and time of the festival," Katori said.

According to Mayor David M. Atapang, on behalf of his office, they are very happy to see friends from Katori Jingu and Katori City back on Saipan.

"It has been a long time since we have seen each other in person, and we want to welcome you back to your island home. For as long as the Katori Shrine is located at the Sugar King Park, our office has supported the annual ceremony and festival, and we will continue doing that for many years to come," said Apatang.

Meanwhile, Noboru Hirayama, chairman of Kyowa Construction Japan, was also presented with a plaque of appreciation from Apatang during the visit. The Saipan mayor said that, for more than 40 years, Hirayama has dedicated and contributed his personal time to organizing and bringing thousands of Japanese to Saipan to take part in the annual October Katori Shrine ceremony and Japanese Autumn Festival.

"In return for his true commitment of returning year after year to Saipan, we present a special plaque of appreciation to Mr. Hirayama, who shared with us that traveling from Japan to Saipan and back has become a bit too difficult since turning 90 years old and this trip might be his last. We will miss a good friend, but we can always travel to Japan to visit him and the mayor of Katori City, our sister city," said Apatang.

He said his office is currently communicating with the mayor of Katori City to establish an exchange program.

"We will share more information with the public as plans continue to be developed and agreed upon," he said.

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The North Korean Defense Ministry statement came a day after the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan began a new round of naval drills with South Korean warships off the peninsula's east coast. The Reagan and its battle group returned to the area after North Korea fired a powerful missile over Japan earlier this week to protest the carrier group's previous training with South Korea.

The Reagan's redeployment is "an event of considerably huge negative splash to the regional situation," an unidentified spokesman at the North Korean Defense Ministry said in remarks carried by state media. "The armed forces of (North Korea) is seriously approaching the extremely worrisome development of the present situation."

He also called the Reagan's return "a sort of military bluffing" to issue a warning over North Korea's "righteous reaction" to "the extremely provocative and threatening joint military drills of the U.S. and South Korea."

North Korea regards U.S.-South Korean military exercises as an invasion rehearsal and is especially sensitive if such drills involve U.S. strategic assets like an aircraft carrier. North Korea has argued it was forced to pursue a nuclear weapons program to cope with U.S. nuclear threats. U.S. and South Korean officials have repeatedly said they have no intentions of attacking the North.

In the past two weeks, North Korea has fired 10 ballistic missiles into the sea in five launch events, adding to its record-breaking pace of weapons tests this year. The recent weapons tests include a nuclear-capable missile that flew over Japan for the first time in five years and demonstrated a range to strike the U.S. Pacific territory of Guam and beyond.

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was the team captain, firefighter Oliver Igisaiar, firefighter Brandon Lieto, firefighter Hekido Helgen, and fire cadet Michael Mancao, demonstrated a trial run through the muddy and wet grounds of the airport field.

The ARFF team executed the full eight station course in four minutes, including putting on their full firefighting gear and the air pack. The public did not partake in this and started at station two.

The eight stations were Station 1: donning of the full firefighter gear, including the air pack timed (civilians didn't do this because they are not trained to; they just demonstrated it); Station 2 was pulling a 2.5-inch supply hose charged with water; Station 3 was the serpentine run with a hose bundle to test agility; Station 4 was step-ups with a hose bundle over their shoulder on a platform for 20 repetitions. This simulated a firefighter climbing sets of stairs with a hose; Station 5 was the hand-over-hand pulling of a rope tied to a one-and-a-half-inch attack line. This simulated firefighters having to transport equipment to a higher platform like a second to third floor by hoisting equipment up; Station 6 was advancing an attack line and shooting a target, which simulated fire suppression; Station 7 was forcible entry to a burning building by slamming the Kaiser equipment with a mallet; and Station 8 was the dummy carry/ drag/pull. This final station simulated rescuing a victim.

The weather did not stop civilians from forming their teams for a crack at the course, which included team Beast Mates, which finished the course with a time of 3:12, and consisted of Joshua Castro, Phil David, Shane Alvarez, Daniel Ogumoro, and Kelvin Fitial; team Youth Affairs Office finished with a time of 3:54 and consisted of Harry Moses, Jonas Okawa, Mark Nique, and Eloy Cruz; team Fagaga Fighters finished at 4:45, and consisted of Brad Ruszala, Simon Necesito, Jimmy Jecino, and Phil Gases; the all-women's team, Women Power, finished at 9:30 and consisted of Kathy Ruszala, Evelyn Pangelinan, Leigh Gases, ARFF firefighter Tiffany Santos, and DFEMS firefighter Janika Taimaniao; and team Manhoben finished at 3:45 and consisted of Chris Sablan, Leon Laniyo, Sidney Camacho, Dave Mafnas, and Dwayne Blas.

There was also a solo relay, which gave individuals the chance to take on the course by themselves. Christy Aldan finished with a time of 6:06, Jimmy Jecino finished at 6:26, Luis Mario finished at 6:09, cadet Michael Mancao finished at 7:38, Javin Okawa finished at 5:24, firefighter Vince Torres finished at 4:05, Simon Necesito finished at 9:14, Kelvin Fitial finished at 4:51, and Joshua Castro finished at 7:00.

Brad Ruszala, a member of the public who participated in the exhibition, said after their team's run: It "was awesome. It was great. It was great to be on a team because doing that solo, man, that's why those guys get paid to do all that hard work. We had a great team and it was a lot of fun and that dummy was the heaviest thing; I thought it was going to be a lot lighter…"

Edward Dela Cruz Jr. thanked his boss and everyone who participated in a Facebook post, saying, "Thank you to my bosses for giving us the green light to pull this expo this year and believing in us and supporting our event. This was the only time in the year we allowed the public to come and use our equipment to get a feeling of what we do in the fire service. If you ever thought [about] how it felt like to be a firefighter for 8 minutes of your life, you missed out yesterday. This was not a competition between fire departments. We allowed the general public to wear the full gear, carry the air pack and execute our basic firefighting functions. Thank you to all participants that showed up yesterday and gave it their all. Thank you to CPA ARFF, DFEMS CPA seaport, CPA Admin, American Red Cross, Run Saipan, Saipan International School, Northern Marianas Athletics for supporting this event."

UFO breaks ground on new pavilion on Beach Road

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and other officials are joined by United Filipino Organization CNMI Inc. officials on breaking ground on a new pavilion that will be built along Beach Road.

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REPORTER

The United Filipino Organization CNMI Inc., broke ground last Friday on the construction of a new pavilion along Beach Road, near the 13 Fisherman monument.

UFO, headed by its president, Mar Masilungan, led the groundbreaking ceremony for the project, which is a collaborative effort between UFO and the CNMI leadership.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, Department of Public Lands Secretary Sixto Igisomar, and Department of Lands and Natural Resources acting director Gus Kaipat joined Masilungan and the officers and representatives of the 10-member organizations of UFO at the project site on Thursday afternoon.

In his remarks, Torres expressed his appreciation and gratitude to the Filipino organization and their tremendous efforts to give back to the community.

In addition, Torres announced to the group that he would be allocating $50,000 of federal funds to the organization to aid them in their ongoing and future community projects.

Masilungan said the pavilion will be UFO's first legacy project. "After much observations and research around Garapan, I've noticed that there are only a few pavilions along Beach Road in Garapan. Since its existence in 1992, UFO has never built nor has been given the grant to build a structure to mark the organization's existence. Now we will have this pavilion as UFO's first legacy project," he said.

The UFO president said that pavilions are needed along the road and especially near beaches for the community and visiting tourists' convenience while they enjoy the beauty and serenity that the island offers.

The pavilion will include flag poles, he added, and will be an ideal venue for cultural activities and celebrations.

"This is not only for Filipinos but for everybody. This project will serve as an additional facility for recreation, family bonding and get-together venue for the people of the CNMI," he said.

Flood watch in effect on Rota today

A flash flood watch is in effect through late tonight, Tuesday, on Rota.

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Guam and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center-State Warning Point, flash flooding caused by excessive rainfall is possible on Rota through late Tuesday night.

Excessive runoff may result in flooding of rivers, creeks, streams, and other low-lying and flood-prone locations. Flooding may occur in poor drainage and urban areas. Low-water crossings may be flooded. Flash flooding may occur.

NWS says heavy showers and thunderstorms associated with a monsoon disturbance is expected to develop within the eastern sector of the monsoon trough over western coastal waters of the Marianas. Model guidance continues to trend higher in rainfall totals, with amounts between 3 and 5 inches with locally heavier amounts in excess of 4 to 6 inches possible through late Tuesday night.

Rota residents are urged to monitor later forecasts and be alert for possible flood warnings. Those living in areas prone to flooding should be prepared to take action should flooding develop. If living near streams and riverbanks. Make sure storm drains nearby are not clogged, especially in low-lying areas. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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Canoe launch across BOS marks CNMI Culture Day

500 Sails continues to create traditional Chamorro canoes right here on-island, and the latest canoe in their ever-growing fleet was launched yesterday, Oct. 10 at 9am in San Jose, across the Bank of Saipan.

The canoe is named *Animuyi* and is a painted, 15-foot Chamorro sailing canoe fabricated at the 500 Sails boatyard facility in Lower Base. Her main hull and outrigger are made of fiberglass, while her spars are bamboo. For the past month or so, she has been on display at the Bank of Saipan branch located in San Jose. Prior to that, her finishing touches were skillfully created in the busy 500 Sails boatyard, where she was made by a crew of local craftsmen and craftswomen.

Animuyi was part of the Liberation Day parade aboard Triple J Enterprises' official float, but yesterday's boat launch was her official welcoming ceremony into 500 Sails' sailing fleet.

After a brief launch commemoration, *Animuyi* and the canoes *Richard Seman, Ladahao, Aunty Oba,* and *Didi* sailed from San Jose, across the Bank of Saipan, landing at the Guma Sakman.

Andrew Roberto, who is 500 Sails' director of community programs, underscored why this event is so special. "Canoes are the lifeblood of Pacific cultures," Roberto said. "It's in our DNA to be sailors and fishermen and women. These canoes let us go past the reef or around the lagoon without the need to purchase fuel—after all, the wind is free. Our health, our wellness, our spirit, and our joy in life is tied to these boats. 500 Sails is happy to launch *Animuyi* and we invite the public to come celebrate as well."

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Andrew Roberto, 500 Sails' director of community programs, addresses those gathered Monday morning in San Jose prior to the launching of the new traditional sailing canoe *Animuyi*.

Roberto stated that the entire process to build *Animuyi* is part of the Traditional Canoe Fabrication and Maintenance program of the 500 Sails Cultural Maritime Training Center, in partnership with Northern Marianas College - Community Development Institute.

The CMTC project was made possible by support from the Administration for Children and Families, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as part of the Administration for Native Americans Social and Economic Development Strategies grant.

500 Sails is a 501(c)(3) and CNMI tax-exempt nonprofit organization dedicated to reviving, promoting, and preserving the maritime cultural traditions of the Mariana Islands through community engagement in canoe cultural values and activities.

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Master navigator Raikiulipy blows a conch shell during Monday's launching celebration for *Animuyi*, 500 Sails newest sailing canoe.

500 Sails' vision is a healthy thriving native community that has successfully integrated traditional cultural values into modern life. Major supporting partners include the CNMI Office of Indigenous Affairs and the Bank of Saipan. ***(PR)***

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500 Sails volunteers launch *Animuyi* into the central lagoon off San Jose Monday morning.

Animuyi joins the 500 Sails' fleet Monday morning. In Chamorro, *animuyi* roughly translates to "one that perseveres" and "to do your best."

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FIREFIGHTER MUSTER CHALLENGE EXHIBITION

LEIGH GASES

Brad Ruszala of team Fagaga Fighters advances an attack line and shoots the hose at a target, which simulates fire suppression in station six of the Saipan Firefighter Muster Challenge Exhibition last Saturday at the Saipan Airport Field.

LEIGH GASES

Kathy Ruszala of team Women Power finishes up station four and five, which is step-ups with a hose that simulates firefighters climbing stairs, and pulling a rope attached to an attack line, which simulates transporting equipment to a higher platform, and runs over to tag her teammate during the Saipan Firefighter Muster Challenge Exhibition last Saturday at the Saipan Airport Field.

LEIGH GASES

Team Women Power, which includes, from left, Evelyn Pangelinan, Kathy Ruszala, DFEMS firefighter Janika Tenorio, ARFF firefighter Tiffany Santos, and Leigh Gases pose for a photo with the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting firetruck during the Saipan Firefighter Muster Challenge Exhibition last Saturday at the Saipan Airport Field.

LEIGH GASES

Team Fagaga Fighters, which include, from left, Phil Gases, Jimmy Jecino, Brad Ruszala, and Simon Necesito, pose for a photo with the Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting firetruck during the Saipan Firefighter Muster Challenge Exhibition last Saturday at the Saipan Airport Field.

LEIGH GASES

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services Firefighter II Janica Taimanao in station eight, demonstrates a dummy carry/drag/pull, which simulates rescuing a victim, during the Saipan Firefighter Muster Challenge Exhibition last Saturday at the Saipan Airport Field.

LEIGH GASES

Jimmy Jecino of team Fagaga Fighters pulls a heavy charged supply hose in station two during the Saipan Firefighter Muster Challenge Exhibition last Saturday at the Saipan Airport Field.

LEIGH GASES

A firefighter runs through station three using a serpentine run with a hose bundle to demonstrate agility during the Saipan Firefighter Muster Challenge Exhibition last Saturday at the Saipan Airport Field.

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A firefighter demonstrates station four, which is step-ups with a hose bundle during the Saipan Firefighter Muster Challenge Exhibition last Saturday at the Saipan Airport Field.

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Team Youth Affairs Office, which includes Jonas Okawa, Harry Moses, Eloy Cruz, and Mark Nique, pose for a photo during the Saipan Firefighter Muster Challenge Exhibition last Saturday at the Saipan Airport Field.

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Team Beast Mates, which includes Shane Alvarez, Daniel Ogumoro, Kelvin Fitial, Joshua Castro, and Phil David, pose for a photo during the Saipan Firefighter Muster Challenge Exhibition last Saturday at the Saipan Airport Field.

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Lessons from surviving Hurricane Ian

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Meteorologists can predict hurricanes as soon as they're born and gauge their size, speed and time of arrival with increasing accuracy—though ascertaining their precise route remains a work in progress.

But science's limits, and the manner in which information is disseminated by television networks and other media, often place the lives of those they serve in greater jeopardy.

My conclusion is not that of a detached observer but as a survivor of Hurricane Ian, among the most violent storms in Florida's history.

Following the announcement that the storm would affect the Gulf Coast, likely near Florida's panhandle, the mood on our residential block in Port Charlotte was cautiously confident. Think of Chicago's massive blizzards, when neighbors turn friendly and helpful, joking about nature's capriciousness.

Unsurprisingly by last Wednesday, Ian's path had veered hundreds of miles farther south than predicted, and the storm surge projection for our coastal segment of South Gulf Cove increased to 12 to 18 feet from 3 to 6 feet. This potentially meant that we had roughly six hours before Charlotte Harbor's waters inundated our homes, driving us outside into salty floodwater filled with downed power lines, sharp and heavy debris, and alligators.

Marianne and I have been married long enough to know each other's thinking. She watched me pace room to room, searching for batteries, life jackets and important papers, while I took note of her face and eyes as she monitored AccuWeather on TV.

"Ready?" I said.

"Let me get my Kindle," Marianne said.

We had decided ahead of time, along with our friends and neighbors Tim and Sarah, to shelter in place. Our houses are hardened for severe storms and elevated to stay dry in a substantial surge. Experience has taught us we are safer staying put than helping swell the chaos of statewide traffic—a decision Gov. Ron DeSantis recommended for those who could.

Since Tim and Sarah were already harboring two other couples, family also originally from Maine, we joined their party.

The entire country knows what happened over the next eight hours, as Ian's winds strengthened to 155 mph and turned sooner and sharper than forecast, making landfall at Cayo Costa, a barrier island near home where I camp and fish.

Over that same span of time, we got to know Tim's cousins Bob, Lil, John and Linda, residents of North Port. We swapped stories, ate ham sandwiches and sipped beer while monitoring Ian's progress with an old-fashioned transistor

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On Putin's birthday, the Nobel Peace Prize honors his enemies

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We can't know what was said in those secret deliberations, but the Nobel Committee must have thought about giving Volodymyr Zelenskyy the Peace prize. That would have been a popular choice—he easily topped the 2022 Time magazine reader poll for the most influential person of the year.

They were right instead to honor Ukrainian, Belarusian and Russian civil and human rights activists. The prize is "not against anyone," said Berit Reiss-Andersen, the chairwoman of the Nobel committee. And yet, on Vladimir Putin's 70th birthday, it is clearly a repudiation of everything he stands for and an eloquent defense of the importance of both civil society and memory in building peace.

It's not that Zelenskyy isn't a strong or deserving candidate. The Ukrainian president's uncommon courage and leadership has inspired a number of people under extreme duress, and he has made the democratic world think about freedoms we often take for granted and what it means to defend them. He's fighting a war he didn't choose, a war of necessity.

But there were reasons to pause. As President Joe Biden noted grimly, the world is as close as it's come to nuclear war since the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. What if awarding the prize to Zelenskyy prompted the ultimate act of defiance from Putin in his bid to win the war at any cost?

Last year's prize, given to Filipino journalist and rights activist Maria Ressa and Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov, highlighted the importance of safeguarding freedom of expression. This year's committee extends that to acknowledge the critical importance of collective memory and accountability too. Enlightened leadership is essential, but building peaceful, long-lasting democracies requires the bottom-up work of restoring trust and facilitating healing—work that this year's recipients do.

Ales Bialiatski, the jailed Belarussian human rights activist who was awarded the peace prize, has led a nearly 30-year campaign to promote freedom and democracy and provide support for political prisoners. Like many human rights campaigners in authoritarian countries, he has endured extreme hardship in the service of cause. His award will hopefully embolden those working to end rule by dictatorship in Belarus and prevent Belarus from being dragged further into Putin's war.

The other two prize recipients point to the importance of historical memory, something Putin has tried hard to wipe out. The Russian human rights organization Memorial emerged during the glasnost period to document crimes of the Soviet era. Its first chairman was the late Andrei Sakharov, who himself won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1975. His late widow, Elena Bonner, fought tirelessly for the same cause. In citing Memorial, the Nobel committee is, perhaps belatedly, acknowledging that there is no hope for long-term peace without historical record and accountability.

The Ukrainian human rights organization the Center for Civil Liberties, recognized for their "outstanding effort to document war crimes, human rights abuses and the abuse of power," is also an important part of this triad. Each week brings new evidence of war crimes in Ukraine that need to be painstakingly documented, investigated and ultimately prosecuted. That is a mammoth task, as justice for all victims is too tall an order. But any bulwark against future aggression must include the process of prosecuting war crimes. It will be important to have institutions that also hold Ukrainian authorities to account, too.

It's easy to be cynical about the Peace (or any other) prize. Heaven knows, the committee has made choices over the years that were tin-eared or even downright regrettable. It has often seemed self-important and too trend-conscious. And yet, there is merit in remembering that in places of oppression and war, it is the daily acts of defiance by those on the ground, the efforts to bring justice and accountability and restore the bonds of civil society that give peace its greatest long-term chance.

As for Zelenskyy, the prize he needs is not a Nobel.

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How to confront bigots on social media—and win

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My journey to becoming an online presence is nothing short of accidental. After getting fired from my job at a well-known sports conglomerate, I felt more lost than ever. That's when TikTok came into my life and my online persona was born. Today I have nearly 8 million followers on TikTok. My large following has allowed me to become a full-time content creator. However, my niche is not popular among influencers. And that's because my niche is roasting misogynistic men on social media.

Within TikTok, there are influencers who have built entire communities around misogyny and sexism. These communities are centered on the degradation of women and minority groups. These videos cover many topics: women being unworthy if they've had multiple sexual partners, if they're fat, if they don't work to keep their man, if they don't accept jokes about domestic abuse. Some straight up promote sexual assault against women.

Existing in the social media space can be exhausting, whether you're a consumer or a creator. But when I realized how much vitriol existed on this platform, I was drawn to it. I could not believe that men like this not only existed in the same world I did, but felt so confident spewing their hatred of women. The audacity shocked me, but simultaneously lit something within me.

The fire that drove me to fight on TikTok was akin to what I felt defending my sister from being bullied in school. Or for my friends when they were sexually harassed in college. The rage I felt was all too familiar and I was determined to act on it. That's what inspired my first video. It wasn't just taking on these terrible bigoted men, but rather the reality that women are subjected to violence in many different forms, everywhere, every day.

The violence and abuse that misogyny and patriarchy have inflicted on so many different marginalized groups are what unite my community of followers. Conversely, the hatred projected onto me by these kinds of bigots—primarily cisgender heterosexual white men—is also what unites them.

I'm often asked in the TikTok comments, "Why don't you try educating them?" Or "How are you going to respond to hate, with more hate?" Well, to that I say, because it works. Realistically, there's nothing I could say to an outright bigot that would help them see the humanity in people who do not have the same life experiences as they do. But that isn't my goal. My goal is to get them to be quiet and to delete their presence from social media. There is never an apology, a retraction or a change of heart—only silence. I aim to silence them, like they have silenced us for thousands of years.

Far too often, marginalized people are held to an impossibly high standard, in the real world and on social media. No matter how deep the offense, no matter how harmful the rhetoric, we are constantly expected to take the high road. These offenders are entitled to a mature and educational response to their abuse, but marginalized folks aren't entitled to simply exist without critique.

Any power or strength we draw from standing up for ourselves is stripped of us the minute a bigot attacks, unprovoked—especially if it is all under the guise of a "joke." Not surprisingly, these men are not fond of the treatment they feel so comfortable weaponizing against others. It's funny to see how quickly they develop empathy for their fellow misogynists when they see them getting treated the way they treat others.

The only fear I have when it comes to my platform is that I may never be out of a job. It feels as though I'm standing in a boat with holes, and no matter how often I scoop water out, more pours in. Making this kind of content is arduous, emotionally taxing and downright terrifying at times.

But when it seems like it's too much to bear, I think about the stories I've heard from people who follow me. I think about the woman in Mexico who told me she wore a bathing suit for the first time because my content gave her the courage to. I think about the trans woman who told me my battles against bigots have kept her on this Earth longer than she planned to be.

I desperately hold on to accounts like this, when I feel I can't keep doing this. Because it's not about me, it's about them.

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radio.

At 4 p.m., we had to raise our voices over the intensifying cacophony of banging corrugated metal shutters. We took turns reporting what we could see outside through a slit between two shutters: another palm tree snapped in two and a 10-foot aluminum gutter sailing like a paper airplane. And then the power went out.

Tim turned on two lanterns, and Sarah retrieved a deck of cards. Seven stud proved an effective time filler, though no one could maintain their poker face whenever a sudden boom spelled a crash involving a building or a boat or a tree.

Tim scooted more frequently to the "viewing window," measuring with the long beam of a flashlight the water line on his neighbor's dock.

"Is it time to head upstairs to the second story?" I asked.

Sarah didn't think so. All of us, in fact, were skeptical of a super surge since there had never been one where we live. But we also acknowledged the rash of unprecedented weather events in recent history, so Tim maintained his vigil.

At 10 p.m., the shutters quieted. Ian had passed. Once again, no surge in South Gulf Cove.

The next day, a celebrity TV news reporter hitched a ride in a rescue motorboat south of here. He asked the first responder at the helm to find a victim of Hurricane Ian who would talk on air, and they coaxed a mother and her 6-year-old daughter onto the porch of their flooded mobile home.

"Why didn't you leave?" were his words. While his tone was incredulous for the benefit of his audience, it translated as condescension toward anyone not wise enough to heed his network's warnings, some of which were not wrong—this time.

"We didn't think the storm would be this bad," she said, her daughter staring blankly at the camera.

Off-camera, she may have expressed her own astonishment at the inability of a media star with an eight-figure income to understand the calculation necessarily made by her and her neighbors.

That unlike for him, the usual low odds of dying in a hurricane constitute a risk she'll take over incurring the financial and psychological costs of evacuation.

And to maintain a grip on all that she has in this world.

More than 100 lives in Florida have been lost to Hurricane Ian.

Weather experts, government workers, civil engineers, charitable organizations and first responders deserve gratitude for doing all that they could to minimize that tragic number.

But the hope is that from lessons learned through Hurricane Ian, self-absolving mandates and overestimates will give way to more effective, practical help before and after the next storm.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

If you don't know her

Her name is Susan de Veyra, a super-amazing nurse at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. If you don't know her, there must be two reasons: You're not from Saipan, Tinian or Rota; or you or any members of your family have never been to CHCC. If you know her then your parents, grandparents, and even great-grandparents knew her too—33 years working in the healthcare industry should be enough to be known by three generations.

In the year 1989, the waves of nursing fate brought her to the Commonwealth Health Center, now the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.. Lured by the calmness and beauty of Island life, she stayed, even though there are so many chances somewhere else. She made Saipan her second home for more than half of her life. I'm not saying she's man'amko, she's always been young at heart. As a nurse myself, I saw how she worked and I admire her—the dedication and passion in her chosen vocation. If she can work hard she can play even harder. She loves parties, going out with friends to buffets in hotels or restaurants.

I was amazed when I knew just an hour before writing this piece that the Divine Word University in Tacloban City, Philippines is her alma mater. The toughest college of nursing in the region with 100% passing rate for Philippine nursing licensure examinations. I also set foot on the grounds and in the buildings of this college, until they closed their doors when I was in the second year of the BSN program.

When I saw her social media feed that she has decided to retire, I was surprised. It never occurred to me that she plans to. She still has the agility to perform the job pretty well. I knew nurses who retire and after a month go back to the workforce as part-time, for the reason that they feel bored. I'm pretty sure she will miss Saipan so much, but Saipan will miss her even more—her caring hands and passionate heart.

Dear CNMI senators: I think Susan deserves a Senate resolution, or some humanities award. Thank you.

I care.

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Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. CEO Esther Muna presents Susan de Veyra with a certificate of appreciation.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy	Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm. Cloudy	Showers likely. Cloudy	Showers likely. Cloudy	Showers likely. Cloudy
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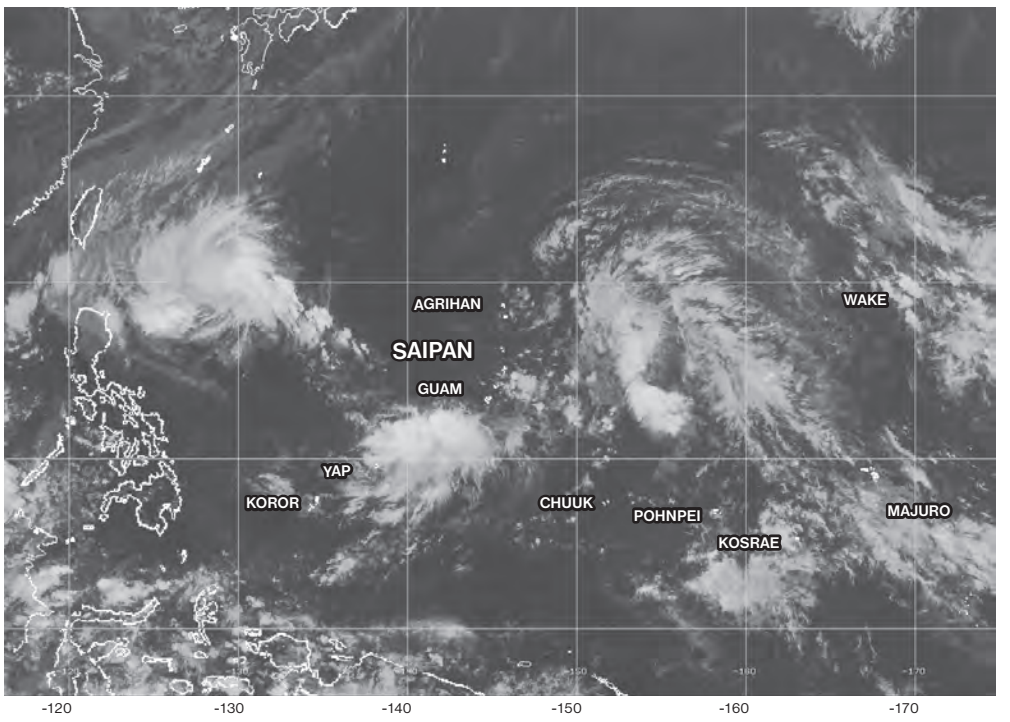

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Gentle southwesterlies prevail in the Marianas, with satellite imagery and doppler radar indicating showers forming in Guam`s coastal waters. Ritidian buoy indicates seas are around 4 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°
Palau	Thunderstorms	85° / 78°
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	85° / 79°
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	85° / 78°
Kosrae	Cloudy	85° / 78°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	86° / 81°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	66° / 55°
Beijing	Sunny	68° / 39°
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	81° / 70°
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	81° / 69°
London	Sunny	48° / 39°
Los Angeles	Cloudy	80° / 64°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	90° / 77°
Melbourne	Rain	66° / 55°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	86° / 80°
New York	Partly Cloudy	68° / 48°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	70° / 58°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	64° / 42°
Busan	Mostly Sunny	43° / 30°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	55° / 39°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	71° / 54°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	68° / 52°
Seoul	Sunny	64° / 41°
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	76° / 62°
Washington, DC	Sunny	69° / 45°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:07 AM	5:59 PM
Wednesday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Thursday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	5:57 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	5:56 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	7:03 AM	7:00 PM
Wednesday	-	7:56 AM	7:41 PM
Thursday	-	8:50 AM	8:25 PM
Friday	-	9:44 AM	9:11 PM
Saturday	-	10:38 AM	10:00 PM

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
2:30 AM	Low Tide	0.13
8:39 AM	High Tide	1.89
2:42 PM	Low Tide	0.66
8:12 PM	High Tide	1.89

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 6, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau
UA183	7:20PM	9:10PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	4:00PM	11:05AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

TW308	3:30PM	7:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	3, 4, 7
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA

UA824	7:00AM	9:30AM	1, 3, 5

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

7C3451	3:00PM	6:35PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA192/112	10:25PM	5:30pm+1	5 via Palau, Guam
UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam
UA184/112	11:50PM	5:30pm+1	5 via Guam
OZ704/623	11:55PM	2:30PM+1	2,5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3406	8:50AM	2:30PM	4
7C3406	8:50AM	2:50PM	3, 7
OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
TW307	9:00AM	2:30PM	4, 6, 7
TW307	9:15AM	2:30PM	3

NARITA-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00 AM+1	2, 4, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7

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MARIANAS SOUTHERN AIRWAYS

INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/ Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

Business

Former IBM head to lead IT&E's IT team

IT&E announced yesterday the addition of Rina Marie Guzman to its team as IT director for Guam and CNMI. Guzman has a total of 16 years of experience in the technology industry in the Philippines and the Asia Pacific region, most recently as board director and transformation leader–customer experience of Cisco Philippines.

"We are excited to announce Rina's appointment to lead our IT department. She has a stellar record in the technology industry in the region and brings a forward-thinking mindset as an accomplished transformation leader and strategic program manager. The entire company is eager to support her as she leads her team to greater success," said Jim Oehlerking, CEO of IT&E.

During her three years at Cisco, Guzman also served as program manager for Governance and Transformation advisory. Previously, Guzman served as country chief information officer and business design consultant for IBM, Asia Pacific for three years.

A champion of women's leadership development, Guzman held various positions at Intel from 2006 to 2014, where she was the first Filipino and female technologist, as well as the first female and senior technical leader on the company's senior management team. She holds two invention disclosure submissions in the Intel Patent Office.

For a short time, she led a newly formed division to support digital transformation at the Bank of the Philippine Islands as division head and business technology leader (vice president).

Rina Marie Guzman joins IT&E as its IT director for Guam and CNMI. IT&E

In addition to her corporate positions, Guzman has held leadership positions in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations engineering community, including past board chairman for Young Engineers ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organizations, country representative for the Philippines, and external affairs director. She is also the first Filipino awardee in the ASEAN Engineer Register.

Guzman is author of *Set Me Ablaze*, an inspirational guide for young professionals navigating their career journey.

Guzman holds a bachelor's degree in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of the Philippines - Diliman and Project Management Professional certification, among other certifications. ***(IT&E)***

Free federal contracting webinars

The Guam Procurement Technical Assistance Center is offering free workshops in October 2022. Workshops are held every Wednesday from 10am-11:30am in room 262 of the UOG School of Business and Public Administration (*unless otherwise specified).

■ Oct. 12, 2022 – How to get HUBZone Certified - All of Guam and the CNMI are HUBZones. The Guam PTAC will take you through the certification process, the required supporting documents, and follow-up requirements from SBA.

■ Oct. 19, 2022 – How to get 8(a) Certified - The 8(a) program is a business development program for companies owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. The Guam PTAC will discuss eligibility, the online application, and follow-up documentation.

■ Oct. 26, 2022 – How to get WOSB Certified –Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) is an official SBA certification program. The Guam PTAC will discuss the online certification process as well as supporting document requirements.

To register, visit: https://www.guamptac.com/news-and-events.php. ***(PR)***

Biden preaches patience to voters spooked by economic tumult

WASHINGTON (AP)—When it comes to reassuring Americans about an economy that's an election-year challenge for his party, President Joe Biden is telling the country to hold on.

It's a message of patience as voters are buffeted by persistent inflation, fears of a recession and the prospect of rising energy prices in the closing weeks of the campaign season when they will determine the fate of vulnerable Democrats and control of Congress.

The $25 trillion-plus economy is veering in two radically different directions.

Growth has fallen for two straight quarters, raising the specter of recession. But job gains have rolled on, including 263,000 more in September as a sign of economic health. Nonetheless, the latest jobs report sent stocks plummeting Friday on renewed worries that the Federal Reserve will have to continue aggressive interest rate increases to temper rising consumer prices.

Biden argued that the newest numbers are solid and have slowed in recent months in a way that points toward inflation easing. Major oil-producing countries led by Saudi Arabia and Russia dealt him a "disappointment" with their decision last week to cut production, but the U.S. government forecasts that domestic output should increase by an average of roughly 840,000 barrels a day next year.

Speaking at a Volvo drivetrain factory in Hagerstown, Maryland, Biden tried to make the case once more that lots more factory jobs were on the horizon.

"This is the progress we need to see," the president said. "In the short term, the transition to a more stable growth that continues to deliver for workers and families while bringing inflation down. In the long term, the economy built on a firmer foundation. We still have a lot of work to do. We're building a different economy than before, a better one, a stronger one."

Yet polls show Biden consistently with poor marks for his handling of the economy, and people in the United States broadly view the country as headed in the wrong direction.

A September poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found just 38% of those surveyed approve of Biden's economic leadership. Twenty-nine percent of U.S. adults said the economy is in good shape, while 71% say it's doing poorly. That was better than in June, when 20% said conditions were good and 79% said they were bad.

CNN apologizes for entering Thai massacre site, pulls video

UTHAI SAWAN, Thailand (AP)—CNN pulled a story on the massacre of Thai preschoolers and apologized Sunday over criticism its journalists entered the day care where the children were slain and filmed the crime scene without permission.

The two CNN journalists involved were fined after authorities found that they had been working in the country after entering on tourist visas, but cleared of wrongdoing for entering the day care center where more than 20 children were killed, deputy national police chief Surachate Hakparn said.

He said his investigation had determined the journalists believed they had obtained permission to enter and film after being waved into the building by a volunteer or a health officer, and were unaware the person was not authorized to allow them inside.

They each agreed to pay fines of 5,000 baht ($133) and leave the country, he said.

Chief executive of Uthai Sawan Sub-district Administrative Organization Danaichok Boonsom, talks to reporters at a police station in Uthai Sawan, north eastern Thailand, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022. AP

Both journalists apologized, as did CNN International's executive vice president and general manager Mike McCarthy.

In a statement, he said his reporters sought permission to enter the building but the team "now understands that these officials were not authorized to grant this permission," adding that it was "never their intention to contravene any rules."

"We deeply regret any distress or offense our report may have caused, and for any inconvenience to the police at such a distressing time for the country," he said in the statement tweeted by CNN.

He said CNN had ceased broadcasting the report and had removed the video from its website.

Authorities began looking into the incident after a Thai reporter posted an image on social media of two members of the crew leaving the scene in northeastern Thailand, where they were reporting on the Thursday attack by a fired policeman who authorities say massacred 36 people, 24 of them children. One CNN crew member was seen climbing over the low wall and fence around the compound, over police tape, and the other already outside.

That prompted criticism from the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand, which said it was "dismayed" by CNN's coverage and the decision to film the crime scene inside.

Nation

‘Nothing’s left’: Hurricane Ian leaves emotional toll behind

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)—With her home gone and all her belongings trashed by Hurricane Ian, Alice Pujols wept as she picked through soggy clothes, toys and overturned furniture piled head-high outside a stranger’s house, looking to salvage something—anything—for her four children and herself.

“I’m trying to make it to the next day,” she said. “That’s all I can do. It’s really depressing. It really is.”

For those who lost everything to a natural disaster and even those spared, the anguish can be crushing to return home to find so much gone. Grief can run the gamut from frequent tears to utter despair. Two men in their 70s even took their own lives after viewing their losses, said the medical examiner in Lee County, where Ian first made landfall in southwestern Florida.

The emotional toll in the days, weeks and months after a hurricane, flood or wildfire can be crippling. More pressing needs for food, shelter and clothing often take priority to seeking counseling, which is in short supply even in good times.

“When someone’s in a state of trauma that so many are in, they don’t know where to begin,” said Beth Hatch, CEO of the Collier County, Florida, branch of the National Alliance of Mental Illness. “They need that hand-holding and they need to know that there’s so many people here to help them.”

Workers talk atop a building that was heavily damaged by Hurricane Ian at Fort Myers Beach, Fla., on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022. AP

Hurricane Ian hammered Florida with such ferocity that it wiped out whole neighborhoods, tossed boats onto highways, swept away beaches and swamped homes in roof-deep waters.

With sustained winds of 150 mph (240 kph), it was one of the strongest hurricanes to ever hit southwest Florida. It later cut a watery and wind-battered swath across the Florida peninsula before turning out to sea to regain strength and pummel South Carolina.

It killed more than 100 people, the majority of victims in Florida, making it the third-deadliest storm to hit the U.S. mainland this century. Even a week after it passed through, officials warned that more victims could yet be found as they continued to inspect the damage. The storm knocked out power to 2.6 million and caused billions of dollars in damage.

Research has shown that between a third and half of those who survive a disaster develop some type of mental distress, said Jennifer Horney, an epidemiology professor at the University of Delaware who studies natural disaster impacts on public health.

Post-traumatic stress disorder, depression and anxiety rise along with substance abuse. Those with existing mental disorders are at greater risk of having those conditions exacerbated by the trauma.

A variety of help is available as additional resources are sent to the area.

The state of Florida was setting up support centers and the federal government has a 24-hour disaster distress helpline to provide counseling and crisis support. Hatch’s organization was going to some homes in hard-hit areas to check on clients with mental illness.

The vast majority of people, though, were still assessing damage, trying to retrieve and dry out possessions worth keeping and drag what couldn’t be saved to growing trash heaps by the side of the road.

On Pine Island, just off the Florida mainland where Ian first struck, an emotional Alan Bickford said he was trying to take a longer view because what lay before him was bleak: the floors of his home were coated in stinky muck and his yard was littered with framed photos, furniture and other items he’d hauled outside.

“It’s like a death of a loved one. The pain just comes and goes,” he said. “There’s times when there are these little glimmers or slivers of hope. And then everything falls apart.”

Riding out a deadly storm amid screaming winds, pounding waves and rising waters, or escaping as danger closes in is terrifying and traumatic. Living out of a duffel bag or suitcase in an evacuation center is disruptive, stressful and depressing. Returning to a flood-ravaged home that needs to be gutted to prevent mold from taking hold or, worse, reduced to splinters and scrap metal and scattered like confetti is heartbreaking.

Mao Lin walked an hour Thursday to reach the plot of land where she had lived on Fort Myers Beach, which looked like a blast zone. She was distressed to find it gone.

“The whole street—nothing’s left,” she said. “We don’t have a home. We don’t have a car. We don’t have anything. We have nothing left.”

Ian leaves scenes of recovery, despair on Florida coast

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)—Just days after Hurricane Ian struck, a crowd of locals gathered under a huge banyan tree at a motel’s outdoor tiki bar for drink specials and live music. Less than 10 miles away, crews were finishing the search for bodies on a coastal barrier island. Even closer, entire families were trying to get comfortable for the night in a mass shelter housing more than 500 storm victims.

On a coast where a few miles meant the difference between life and death, relief and ruin, the contrasting scenes of reality less than two weeks since the hurricane’s onslaught are jarring, and they point to the way disaster can mean so many different things to different people.

Arlan Fuller has seen the disparity while working in the hurricane zone to serve marginalized communities with Project Hope, a nonprofit that provides medical relief services. A few factors seem to account for the vast differences from one place to the next, he said: People and places closest to the coast usually fared the worst, as did people with lower incomes.

“There’s an interesting combination of location, the sturdiness of the structure people lived in, and means,” said Fuller.

On Pine Island, where the state quickly erected a temporary bridge to replace one washed out by the storm, volunteers are handing out water, ice, food and supplies. The island’s Publix grocery store reopened with generator power faster than seemed possible, pleasing island resident Charlotte Smith, who didn’t evacuate.

“My home is OK. The lower level did flood somewhat. But I’m dry. They have the water back on running. Things are really getting pretty good.” Smith said.

Life is very different for Shanika Caldwell, 40, who took her nine children to a mass shelter located inside Hertz Arena, a minor league hockey coliseum, after another shelter located at a public high school shut down so classes could get ready to resume. The family was living in a motel before the storm but had to flee after the roof flew off, she said.

“If they say they are going to start school next week, how am I going to get my kids back and forth from school all the way here?” she said. Nearby, a huge silver statue of an ice hockey player looked out over the arena parking lot.

As three shrimpers watched a Sunday afternoon NFL football game on a television set in the shade of a trawler that was pushed ashore by Ian, Alexa Alvarez wiped away tears as she stood in the rubble of Fort Myers Beach. She has fond memories of childhood trips with her brother and parents, who lived on the island and lost their home to the storm.

“I had to see it for myself, and just kind of say goodbye,” she said.

Ian, a strong Category 4 storm with 155 mph (249 kph) winds, was blamed for more than 100 deaths, the overwhelming majority of them in southwest Florida. It was the third-deadliest storm to hit the U.S. mainland this century behind Hurricane Katrina, which left about 1,400 people dead, and Hurricane Sandy, which had a total death count of 233 despite weakening to a tropical storm just before it made landfall.

For some, the recovery has been fairly quick. Barber shops, car washes, chain restaurants, a gun range and vape shops—lots of vape shops—already have reopened on U.S. 41, known in southern Florida as the Tamiami Trail. Many traffic lights are operating, yet residents of low-lying homes and mobile home parks just off the highway are still shoveling mud that was left behind by floodwaters.

In Punta Gorda, near where boutiques and investment firms do business along a tony street lined by palm trees, Judy Jones, 74, is trying to provide for more than 40 residents of the bare-bones homeless shelter she’s operated for more than five decades, Bread of Life Mission Inc.

“I take care of people that fall through the crack in the system,” she said. “You have people who were on their feet but because of the hurricane, they’re on their knees.”

Cheryl Wiese isn’t homeless: For 16 years she spent the fall and winter months in her modest mobile home on Oyster Bay Lane, located at Fort Myers Beach, before returning to a place on Lake Erie in Ohio for the summer. But what she found after making the 24-hour drive south following Ian all but ruined her.

“I don’t want to even live here anymore. There is no Fort Myers Beach. All my neighbors are gone. All my friends are gone,” she said.

The worst part, she said, might have been driving past the devastation to the public library to begin the process of applying for assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. A worker told her to be ready for a phone call and visit from a FEMA representative, and not to miss either, Wiese said.

“If I miss the phone call? Out of luck,” she said. “If I miss him? Out of luck.”

Danilo Mendoza, a construction worker from the Miami area whose trailer and tools were blown away by Ian, has seen the places where people are going on with life, where the recovery already is underway, but he’s doing his best to stay positive.

He counts himself fortunate because he has a safe place to stay at the hockey arena, which is located across the street from upscale apartments where people go on morning walks in athletic gear, and the food is abundant.

“I see the big picture,” he said. “They give you blankets, for God’s sake, brand new ones. They give you all the things you need to survive.”

Asia

Japan eager to receive tourists from abroad amid cheaper yen

TOKYO (AP)—It's hard to tell from his serious demeanor, but Akky International Corp. Chief Executive Hideyuki Abe can barely contain his excitement.

Foreign tourists are coming back, those money-laden visitors from abroad who used to flock into his colorful store in Tokyo's Akihabara electronics district, cluttered with watches and souvenirs like samurai swords and toy cats with bobbing heads.

Individual travelers will be able to visit Japan without visas beginning on Tuesday, just like in pre-COVID-19 times, and electronics stores, airlines and various tourists spots have big hopes for a revival of their businesses.

Japan kept its borders closed to most foreign travelers during much of the pandemic. Only packaged tours have been allowed since June. Meanwhile, the yen has weakened sharply against the dollar, giving some visitors much heftier buying power and making Japan nearly irresistible to bargain hunters.

AP

People walk along a pedestrian crossing in the tourist district of Asakusa, near the landmark Tokyo Skytree tower in Tokyo, Japan on July 31, 2021.

Abe employs about 50 people and had resorted to layoffs after the pandemic struck in 2020. Some Akihabara shops have closed down since then, but he bided his time.

"Hanging on is where power lies," Abe said. "Now, I am a bit worried about a shortage of workers."

Retailers in Akihabara and other businesses in Japan that relied heavily on visitors from all over have had a tough couple years. Major retail chain Laox shuttered its Akihabara store, keeping only its outlets at Narita airport and in the ancient capital of Kyoto open.

The city of Nara, famous for its temples, shrines and sake breweries, is banking on the return of tourists from other parts of Japan along with those from abroad. A pastoral getaway with deer roaming free in parks and glorious autumn foliage, it's a destination recommended for people worried about risks of visiting crowded destinations, said Katsunori Tsuji of Nara Prefecture's tourism promotion division.

"There are aspects of life that Japanese have preserved over the years in Nara that you can truly sense and enjoy, that spiritual element," he said.

North Korea confirms nuke missiles tests

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea's recent barrage of missile launches were tests of its tactical nuclear weapons to "hit and wipe out" potential South Korean and U.S. targets, state media reported Monday, as its leader Kim Jong Un signaled he would conduct more provocative tests.

The North's statement, released on the 77th birthday of its ruling Workers' Party, is seen as an attempt to buttress a public unity behind Kim as he faces pandemic-related economic hardships, a security threat posed by the boosted U.S.-South Korean military alliance and other difficulties.

"Through seven times of launching drills of the tactical nuclear operation units, the actual war capabilities … of the nuclear combat forces ready to hit and wipe out the set objects at any location and any time were displayed to the full," the North's official Korean Central News Agency said.

KCNA said the missile tests were in response to recent naval drills between U.S. and South Korean forces, which involved the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan for the first time in five years.

Viewing the drills as a military threat, North Korea decided to stage "the simulation of an actual war" to check and improve its war deterrence and send a warning to its enemies, KCNA said.

North Korea considers U.S.-South Korean military drills as an invasion rehearsal, though the allies have steadfastly said they are defensive in nature. Since the May inauguration of a conservative government in Seoul, the U.S. and South Korean militaries have been expanding their exercises, which had been previously scaled back due to the pandemic and the now-dormant nuclear diplomacy between Pyongyang and Washington.

Taiwan tells China force 'absolutely not an option'

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — China's threats of military action against Taiwan are "absolutely not an option" and will "only push our two sides further from each other," Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen said Monday.

Speaking on Taiwan's National Day, Tsai said China should not mistake competition within Taiwan's multiparty democratic political system for weakness and "attempt to divide Taiwanese society."

Tsai

"I want to make clear to the Beijing authorities that armed confrontation is absolutely not an option for our two sides," Tsai said.

"Only by respecting the commitment of the Taiwanese people to our sovereignty, democracy, and freedom can there be a foundation for resuming constructive interaction across the Taiwan Strait," she said.

Fighter jets and a Chinook helicopter displaying Taiwan's flag flew overhead while the band from Taipei's First Girls' High School played hits ranging from the Beatles to Lady Gaga.

National Day included international guests such as Palau President Surangel S. Whipps Jr., whose country's blue and yellow flag flew alongside Taiwan's red banner with its blue square and white star.

World

WORLD BRIEFS

Explosions rock central Kyiv in apparent missile strikes

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—Two explosions rocked Kyiv early Monday following months of relative calm in the Ukrainian capital. Kyiv Mayor Vitalii Klitchko reported explosions in the city's Shevchenko district, a large area in the center of Kyiv that includes the historic old town as well as several government offices. Lesia Vasylenko, a member of Ukraine's parliament, posted a photo on Twitter showing that at least one explosion occurred near the main building of the Kyiv National University in central Kyiv. The number of casualties is not yet known.

Ukraine nuclear plant reconnected to grid after line was cut

BERLIN (AP)—An external power line to Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant—the biggest in Europe—was repaired on Sunday after shelling disconnected the facility from the grid and forced it to resort to emergency diesel generators, the U.N. nuclear watchdog said. The International Atomic Energy Agency said the 750-kilovolt line was reconnected to the plant on Sunday evening following repair work by Ukrainian engineers. That enabled the plant to start switching off the generators that had kicked in to provide it with power after the line—its last connection to the grid—was cut early Saturday.IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi tweeted that the reconnection was "a temporary relief in a still-untenable situation."

Rain-fueled landslide sweeps through Venezuela town; 22 dead

LAS TEJERÍAS, Venezuela (AP)—A landslide fueled by flooding and days of torrential rain swept through a town in central Venezuela, leaving at least 22 people dead as it dragged mud, rocks and trees through neighborhoods, authorities said Sunday. Dozens of people are missing.Residents of Las Tejerías in Santos Michelena, an agro-industrial town in Aragua state 54 miles (87 kilometers) southwest of Caracas, had just seconds to reach safety late Saturday as debris swept down a mountainside onto them. The official death toll rose to 22 after the recovery of 20 bodies on Sunday, Vice President Delcy Rodríguez told state-owned Venezolana de Televisión. "There was a large landslide in the central area of Las Tejerías" where five streams overflowed, she said from the scene of the disaster. "We have already found 22 dead people; there are more than 52 missing."

Hurricane Julia hits Nicaragua with torrential rainfall

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Hurricane Julia hit Nicaragua's central Caribbean coast and dumped torrential rains across Central America before reemerging over the Pacific as a tropical storm. It was forecast to travel parallel to the coasts of El Salvador and Guatemala on Monday.Julia hit Sunday as a Category 1 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 85 mph (140 kph), though its winds had dipped to tropical storm force of 40 mph (65 kph) by Sunday night as it moved past Nicaragua.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

†Caridad Satur Igisomar Fitial

Lovingly known as "DA"
Born to life on October 5, 1952
Call to eternal life on October 6, 2022

In her new life, DA will be met at the gates of heaven by her:

Son: †Ralph Stanley Igisomar
Parents: †Zacarias Olorit Igisomar
†Vicenta Veronica Satur Igisomar
Parents-in-law: †Angelina Taitano
†Francisco Fitial (Taghuuf)

Her loving memories will forever live in the hearts of her:

Husband: Raphael T. Fitial
Children: Eugene I. Fitial and Masayo Ogata Fitial (Daisuke, Yuma)
Zacarias Igisomar (Kaimipono, Sikona)
Lona Igisomar and Edwin Kaipat (Cassandra, Noah)
Charene Igisomar (Polo, Jasmine)
Clarissa Igisomar and Benjamin Kosam (Jurissa, Frank, Ralph)
Roland Igisomar and Jessica W. Igisomar (Evalani, Laila, Jaelene)

Daily Mass of Intentions are being offered at 6 p.m. at the San Jose Parish, Oleai and the Santa Soledad Parish Kagman; and at the Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 6 a.m.
Funeral service will be held on Friday, October 14, 2022.

Our beloved +Caridad will be escorted from the CHCC morgue to the Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 7:30 a.m., followed by Responso, Holy Rosary and viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will commence at 10 a.m., followed by interment services at the Chalan Kanoa cemetery, where she will be laid to rest.

Ghilisow, Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers
From all the Family

Overdrive

Nissan beefs up its pickup game with Frontier Pro 4X

By BARRY SPYKER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

NISSAN/TNS
The 2022 Nissan Frontier.

Nissan was a pioneer of the small truck, starting with its Datsun 1000 back in 1959. The little trucks were useful for hauling whatever folks were making, growing or fixing—even if it only had a meager 37 horsepower.

These days Nissan is a major player in the midsize truck market (small trucks grew bigger), and forget about 37 horses. The 2022 Frontier Pro-4X has the most powerful engine in its class with 310 horses. And, at long last, the Frontier has been totally redesigned and re-engineered, marking the first overhaul in 16 years.

Its new design is chunky and rugged, and engineers retuned the powertrain and suspension for improved ride and handling. Nissan also expanded the standard safety package and enhanced the cabin with niceties like best-in-class 9-inch infotainment touchscreen.

The rugged exterior was inspired, Nissan says, by its Hardbody truck that won its reputation in off-road races in the '80s and '90s. It has a massive grille, muscular hood and fenders with interlocking LED lights all around. Most dimensions are nearly the same as last year, but overall length grows by 5 inches.

A "sport bar" on top, behind the cab, adds lighting and the impression of extra muscle, but not everyone likes it. Since it's an $1,100 option, skip it if you don't. The test truck also came with step rails, another option at $750, but they are unnecessary. They might even get in the way on off-road adventures, though they can be removed with a couple of bolts.

Power comes from a 3.8-liter direct-injection V-6 engine, introduced two years ago with 93 percent new or redesigned parts. Torque is rated at 281 pound-feet. Mated to a smooth-shifting 9-speed automatic transmission, the powertrain moves the Pro-4X to 60 mph in 7.8 seconds and it does the quarter-mile in around 16 seconds, both of which match past figures.

The 4x4's ride is enhanced with hydraulic cab mounts that Nissan says reduce road vibration by 80 percent, while added insulation in the roof and floor makes it quieter, too. Bilstein off-road shocks mean smoother rides on and off road. Nissan says many changes were inspired by customers and other truck owners.

The retuned steering is nicely-weighted on the highway but comes with a quirk: It gets heavier around town and in parking lots, when it needs to be lighter.

Armed with all-terrain tires and a package of off-road equipment, the Pro 4X is not a hardcore off-roader but can tackle most rocky trails.

It is equipped with electronic locking rear differential, hill decent control and steel skid plates for the oil pan, transfer case and fuel tank, and an aluminum plate up front. A new off-road mode automatically turns on the cameras in 4LO to negotiate tight trails without a spotter outside.

Nissan also added a pair of tow hooks up front and standard trailer-sway control, which automatically applies brakes when needed. Frontier can tow up to 6,720 pounds, adequate for most moderate boats and trailers, and has a payload capacity is 1,610 pounds.

Finally, mileage figures are about the same as last year at EPA-estimated 17 mpg city, 22 highway, for 19 combined. A 500-mile mostly highway trip averaged 18 mpg during a test week.

With all that's going on outside the cabin, some of the best improvements to the Frontier Pro 4X are found inside, starting with a best-in-class 9-inch touchscreen that houses Nissan's latest infotainment system. It is intuitive and easy to use, and compatible with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

A 7-inch screen to the left displays the speedo, tach and a configurable driver-data section at center. Other electronics include a wireless phone charger and available 10-speaker Fender sound system.

Zero-gravity seats, adorned with accent stitching, are soft yet supportive and provide ample lateral support to combat fatigue on long trips. The steering wheel tilts but still doesn't telescope. Go figure.

Rear seats offer limited legroom for taller folks and the upright seat back has drawn some complaints. A plus, however, is extra storage found underneath the rear seats.

While it's a cleaner, more refined cabin, it did not forget the creature comforts. Buttons and knobs control the climate. The center console has four liters of storage, nearly twice that of most pickups, Nissan says. And there are eight beverage holders for the thirsty.

The cargo bed is deeper by 1.4 inches, leading to 49 more cubic feet of space—a 7% increase over last year. A convenience package ($1,990) includes trailer hitch/wiring and 12V outlets in the cargo bed and rear seat.

Plus, a new dampened tailgate-assist makes it feel lighter while opening or closing, allowing one-handed loading and unloading. That's handy, say, when sliding in a kayak.

Nissan's Safety Shield 360 provides automatic emergency braking and forward collision warning as standard. A technology package ($900) adds class-exclusive automatic rear braking, blind spot warning, rear cross traffic alert and lane departure warning.

The Frontier is the first to feature Nissan's Around View monitor with object detection and off-road mode.

So kudos to Nissan for retaining what customers loved most: an aggressive-looking, capable midsize truck that's built to commute or hit the trails on weekends. Adding class-leading horsepower and a classier cabin? No complaints here.

NUTS & BOLTS

2022 Nissan Frontier Pro 4X Crew Cab

- MSRP: $37,240
- As tested: $46,570 (Includes step rails, $750; Convenience package with trailer hitch and Around View monitor, $1,990; Pro Premium package with leather seats, sunroof, Fender sound system, $2,790; sport bar, $1,095; Technology safety package, $990)
- What's all the excitement about? Long-awaited (16 years) redesign brings best-in-class horsepower, biggest touchscreen, expanded safety.
- Powertrain: 3.8-liter naturally aspirated V-6 engine, good for 310 hp; mated to 9-speed transmission
- How's the performance? Retuned suspension, Bilstein off-road shocks improve ride on and off the road; 0-60 mph in 7.8 seconds
- Fuel economy: EPA-estimated 17 mpg city, 22 highway, 19 mpg combined

What's wrong with car start button?

Q: I've been having intermittent problems with the push button start on my 2015 Honda Accord. Once in a while, I get a whirling sound when I try to start it and it eventually starts after a couple more tries. I've been told that it could be the battery or starter, but I've only got 32,000 miles on my car. I'm concerned that I may get stranded someday and would appreciate any advice you can give me as to what the problem could be and how to fix it.

A: It sounds like a bad starter Bendix. The Bendix drive, located at the nose of the starter motor, engages the engine ring gear to crank the engine. Once the engine starts and spins faster than the Bendix, the Bendix retracts. Nobody replaces the Bendix in the starter anymore so you will need a new or rebuilt complete starter.

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Q: I have a 2015 Lexus RX 350. The driver's side low beam bulb started to go off then back on intermittently. I figured changing the bulb would take me less than five minutes. I opened the hood, removed the engine covers but the bulb socket was not to be seen. I took the car to my trusted garage. Here's the outcome: In order to change what should be a $10 bulb means removing the front bumper and headlight, removing the old bulb and putting in the new, special bulb. The bulb alone cost $140. Now with labor, this cost me $200. Wow. Didn't know I had to buy the car twice—the second time being part by part.

A: Welcome to the new world of automotive repair. Speed and ease are the keys to quick car assembly. Carmakers rely on suppliers to provide complete component assemblies with no regard for after-sale, field service. I have a Ram pickup showing a "washer fluid low" message due to a bad sensor, damaged by a certain brand of washer fluid. To replace it, the radiator must be removed, followed by the grille, followed by the washer reservoir, followed by the sensor. A couple special tools help. The sensor cost less than five bucks. So far, I have learned to ignore the warning until I find time to do the job.

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Q: I enjoy reading your column and for many years I've been wondering why all vehicles have an RPM dial when no one uses it. What purpose does it have and who benefits from using it? It takes up a lot of dashboard space.

A: The tachometer is useful for drivers of manual transmission vehicles. Based on engine speed, they may select the proper gear. On cars with automatic transmissions, the tach isn't very useful. But it does let you know whether the engine is running or not.

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Q: We bought a trickler to maintain the battery and remote start our 2007 Lincoln Town Car. The first one worked well for a while, then it stopped. We bought what we thought was a better one. The new one's directions say not to start the car with the trickler hooked to power. The first one had no instruction like that. It seems to defeat the purpose if you need to go to the garage to disconnect to start the car. What is your professional opinion on this?

A: I don't know what brand or type of charger you bought, but I always follow directions on products I buy. I would also avoid remotely starting a car inside a closed garage.

MOTORMOUTH
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Life & Style

Kanye's Twitter, IG locked over offensive posts

Kanye West's Twitter and Instagram accounts have been locked because of antisemitic posts by the rapper, now known legally as Ye.

West

Spokespersons for Twitter and Instagram parent Meta said Sunday that Ye posted messages that violated their policies.

In a tweet sent late Saturday, Ye said he would soon go "death con 3 on JEWISH PEOPLE," according to internet archive records. That's an apparent reference to the U.S. military readiness condition scale known as DEFCON.

In the same tweet, which was removed by Twitter, he said: "You guys have toyed with me and tried to black ball anyone whoever opposes your agenda."

Earlier this month, Ye had been criticized for wearing a "White Lives Matter" T-shirt to his collection at Paris Fashion Week.

Rapper Sean "Diddy" Combs posted a video on Instagram saying he didn't support the shirt, and urged people not to buy it.

On Instagram, Ye posted a screenshot of a text conversation with Diddy and suggested he was controlled by Jewish people, according to media reports.

Under their policies, the two social networks prohibit the posting of offensive language. Ye's Twitter account is still active but he can't post until the suspension ends, after an unspecified period.

Meta, which owns Facebook as well as Instagram, at times will place restrictions on accounts that it deems repeatedly break its rules. The sanctions may include temporary restrictions on posting, commenting or sending direct messages.

Ye had returned to Twitter on Saturday following a nearly two-year hiatus, reportedly after Instagram locked his account.

Billionaire and Tesla CEO Elon Musk, who last week renewed his $44 billion offer to buy Twitter following a monthslong legal battle with the company, greeted Ye's return to the platform before his suspension by tweeting, "Welcome back to Twitter, my friend."

Musk has said he would remake Twitter into a free speech haven and relax restrictions, although it's impossible to know precisely how he would run the influential network if he were to take over. ***(AP)***

Fake heiress Anna Sorokin talks deportation, house arrest

NEW YORK (AP)—Convicted swindler Anna Sorokin spoke to The New York Times about how important it is to her to remain in New York despite risks of deportation.

Sorokin's case became the basis for the series "Inventing Anna" on Netflix. She was released Friday from U.S immigration custody to house arrest. She told the Times she would feel like she was "running from something" if she were to let herself be deported to Germany.

"Letting them deport me would have been like a sign of capitulation—confirmation of this perception of me as this shallow person who only cares about obscene wealth, and that's just not the reality." Sorokin told the Times late Friday night.

Sorokin

Last week, an immigration judge cleared the way for Sorokin, 31, to be released to home confinement while the deportation fight plays out. Now, she is wearing an ankle monitor after posting a $10,000 bond.

Sorokin for years used the name Anna Delvey to pass herself off as the wealthy daughter of a German diplomat, and lied about having a $67 million (68 million euros) bankroll overseas to create the impression that she could cover her debts, prosecutors said.

After serving three years in prison for conning $275,000 from banks, hotels and rich New Yorkers to finance her luxurious lifestyle, Sorokin was detained by immigration authorities last year who argued she had overstayed her visa and must return to Germany, where she is a citizen.

When asked about what she plans to do now, Sorokin told the Times she's working on her own podcast, which hasn't come to fruition yet, and that she wants to work on criminal justice reform to highlight the struggles of other young women.

Harvey Weinstein goes on trial in LA, where he once reigned

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Five years after women's stories about him made the #MeToo movement explode, Harvey Weinstein is going on trial in the city where he once was a colossus at the Oscars.

Already serving a 23-year sentence for rape and sexual assault in New York, the 70-year-old former movie mogul faces different allegations including several that prosecutors say occurred during a pivotal Oscar week in Los Angeles. Jury selection for an eight-week trial begins Monday.

Weinstein has been indicted on four counts of rape and seven other sexual assault counts involving five women, who will appear in court as Jane Does to tell their stories. He has pleaded not guilty.

Four more women will be allowed to take the stand to give accounts of Weinstein sexual assaults that did not lead to charges, but which prosecutors hope will show jurors he had a propensity for committing such acts.

Weinstein

Starting in the 1990s, Weinstein, through the company Miramax that he ran with his brother, was an innovator in running broad and aggressive campaigns promoting Academy Award nominees. He had unmatched success, pushing films like "Shakespeare in Love" and "The Artist" to best picture wins and becoming among the most thanked men ever during Oscar acceptance speeches.

Miramax and its successor The Weinstein Co. were based in New York, where Weinstein lived and did business, but that didn't diminish his presence in Hollywood.

Actor tells jury Kevin Spacey abused him when he was 14

NEW YORK (AP)—An actor who's accused Kevin Spacey of making a sexual advance on him as a 14-year-old recounted the episode for a New York City jury on Friday, testifying he felt helpless when Spacey climbed on top of him in bed.

Spacey

"I was frozen," Anthony Rapp said on the second day of a civil trial in Manhattan. "I was pinned underneath him. I didn't know what to do."

In a halting voice, Rapp testified that the then-26-year-old Spacey had invited him to a party at his Upper East Side apartment when both actors were starring on Broadway in 1986. He said after he wandered into a bedroom to watch TV and get away from adults, an intoxicated-looking Spacey joined him after the other guests had left.

Rapp said Spacey, after lifting him and laying him down on the bed, pressed the "full weight" of his chest and groin into him. He said he found a way to slip away and flee the apartment, but not before Spacey asked, "Are you sure you want to leave?"

Asked by his lawyer how he would respond to anyone who downplayed the severity of what happened, Rapp responded by describing himself as a frightened child trying to fend off a grown man.

He added: "I'm grateful that that 14-year-old boy had the wherewithal to get away. I'd also say he shouldn't have gone through that in the first place."

As Rapp, sometimes taking deep breaths, testified, Spacey wrote notes on a pad or sat with his hands folded.

Father's extreme views turn family against him

DEAR ABBY: My father considers himself a deeply religious man. He believes that anyone who doesn't conform to his beliefs is going to hell. He told my gay sister she is going to hell. At my brother's wake and celebration of life, he announced to everyone that my brother was going to hell because he was an atheist. He also criticized the arrangements, even though they were exactly what my brother requested. I pulled him aside and asked him to quit saying these things. He refused and declared, "This conversation is over!"

The next morning, the family voted unanimously to ask him to leave. Being the eldest, I was "elected" to deliver the news to him. He and my stepmother didn't take it well and both said a lot of terrible things. Now they refuse to accept that the whole family agreed to it, and they blame me for it.

Any ideas on how to repair the damage? My stepmother suggested I lie and say it was just me and I am sorry. Neither is true. Maybe it's best I remain estranged from my father, and he can have normal relations with the rest of the family?

TRUTH TELLER IN GEORGIA

DEAR TRUTH TELLER: I disagree with your stepmother. Do not lie about why your father and his wife were asked to leave. Your siblings need to step forward and make plain that the vote was unanimous. If your father and stepmother choose to isolate themselves after that, you all will be better off.

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DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for nearly six years. We have a very good relationship and have three grown adult children between us. Four years ago, my daughter and his daughter-in-law had children—I will call them "Timmy" and "Jenny."

My grandson Timmy is autistic, but doing well with speech therapy and special education (preschool). He has his challenges, but we are supportive and encouraging. Jenny is and always has been a chatterbox. She was a good little girl until she turned 4. Her parents buy her anything and everything she wants, and she's allowed to run the show.

Recently, we watched her overnight, and I was upset with her for calling my husband an old, fat man and a punk, in addition to trying to manipulate us as she does her parents. Discipline to curb her smart mouth is frowned upon, and laughed off. My husband has spoken to his son about this twice. It has changed nothing. I don't feel it's my place to scold and discipline, but if she's in my home, I think she must behave respectfully. Abby, please help with any advice.

FRUSTRATED NANA IN WASHINGTON

DEAR NANA: That little girl is 4. By failing to teach their daughter consideration for the feelings of others, your husband's son and daughter-in-law are doing Jenny a disservice. By the time she's 6, she'll be as welcome as a polecat at a picnic. You have every right to make and enforce the rules for what goes on in your home. Jenny should not be permitted to call your husband (or anyone, for that matter) nasty names, and unless she apologizes, you should not babysit her.

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DEAR ABBY

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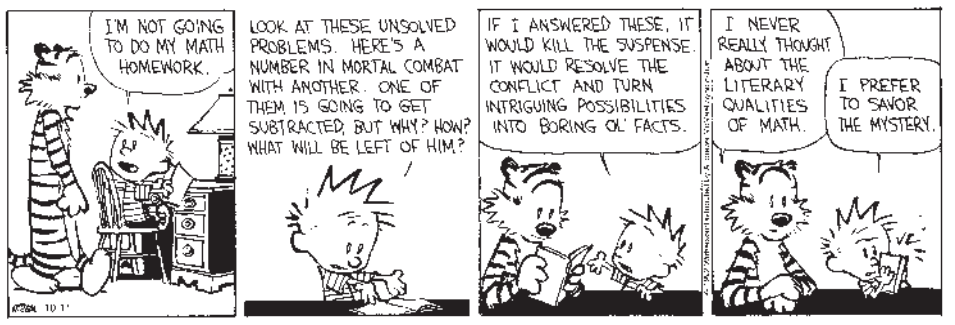
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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LOOK AT THESE UNSOLVED PROBLEMS. HERE'S A NUMBER IN MORTAL COMBAT WITH ANOTHER. ONE OF THEM IS GOING TO GET SUBTRACTED, BUT WHY? HOW? WHAT WILL BE LEFT OF HIM?
IF I ANSWERED THESE, IT WOULD KILL THE SUSPENSE. IT WOULD RESOLVE THE CONFLICT AND TURN INTRIGUING POSSIBILITIES INTO BORING OL' FACTS.
I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT THE LITERARY QUALITIES OF MATH.
I PREFER TO SAVOR THE MYSTERY.

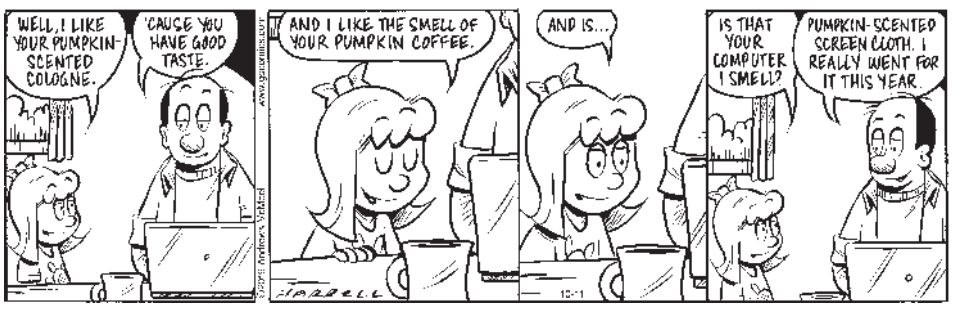
Garfield®

By Jim Davis

AT TIME TRAVEL PIZZA...
WE DELIVER YOUR PIZZA THE MOMENT YOU GET HUNGRY!
NO NEED TO CALL US. YOU ALREADY DID!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT WORKS, BUT I LOVE THESE GUYS!

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset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'CAUSE YOU HAVE GOOD TASTE.
AND I LIKE THE SMELL OF YOUR PUMPKIN COFFEE.
AND IS...
IS THAT YOUR COMPUTER I SMELL?
PUMPKIN-SCENTED SCREEN CLOTH. I REALLY WENT FOR IT THIS YEAR.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

SNiff
Rich bouquet. Notes of Cocoa beans...
SIP
SWISH
SWISH SWISH
AHHH... Interesting body. Love the textures! Pairs well with P.B.J.
Sadly, most people don't take the time to appreciate a good carton of chocolate milk!

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

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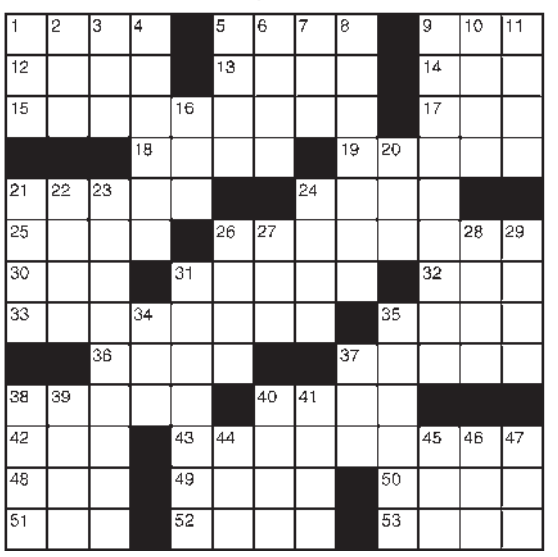

STUMPED? For answers to today's crossword, call **1-900-226-5955!** 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Emily Deschanel, 46; Jane Krakowski, 54; Lennie James, 57; Joan Cusack, 60.

Happy Birthday: Balance and equality are the goals this year. Assess your assets, liabilities and relationships, and put a plan in place that will motivate you to make transitions that lead to a life with less stress and drama. Focus on discovering what makes you happy and pursuing the life and routine you feel comfortable maintaining. Choose health over money. Your numbers are 4, 15, 23, 26, 32, 38, 47.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Clouding issues or leaving out essential information will set you back. If you want to change, offer incentives and a well-laid-out plan that promotes what you want to pursue. Discipline, patience and kindness will help you gain support. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Push forward with a positive attitude, and you'll bolster your chance to advance. Listen to what elders and experts say and watch what they do to maintain their status and reputation. Good teachers will provide what you need to survive and thrive. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Something doesn't add up. You'll be missing information that's vital to pressing decisions. Meet with experts to discuss your options and focus on where your time and effort are valued most, and you'll find a way to use your attributes suitably. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Discipline and well-thought-out plans will help you dismiss any problem that comes up at home or work. Look at the big picture and discuss options openly with anyone involved, and you'll discover you have help executing and maintaining your intentions. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Put your emotions out of sight and deal with the changes around you astutely. Ask questions and find out where you stand and how to use your skills, knowledge and insight to outmaneuver anyone standing between you and achieving your goal. ✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Keep up with what's trending. Having an open mind, embracing new technology and making yourself aware of what's going on around you will help you inch your way forward. There is power in speaking up and negotiating peacefully. Meetings and educational pursuits are favored. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* An unexpected change will throw you off guard. Don't let confusion cost you emotionally, physically or financially. Pour your energy into maintaining equilibrium and carrying out your responsibilities; personal gain will be yours. Pay attention to health and relationships. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Keep a close watch over unstable situations and people who are unpredictable. Look for cost-efficient ways to expand your interests without going into debt. Think big, but do only what's necessary. It's up to you to incorporate change. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Rally around people who show interest in what you are doing and extend the same in return. Be open about what you can contribute and the part you want to play in any scenario you encounter. Be the driver, not the passenger. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Organize your thoughts and plans, but don't share too much information with others. Distance yourself from anyone who exaggerates or shows signs of overindulgence. Be true to yourself. Protect against illness and injury. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Sit tight. Don't feel the need to make a move because someone else takes a leap of faith. Bide your time and concentrate on personal growth, saving money and sticking to facts. Romance and home improvements are encouraged. ✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Reach out to people you look up to for advice. Discussing your options with an expert will help you decide what to do next. Be aware of someone who has ulterior motives or tends to make decisions for you. Rethink your current situation. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are appealing, playful and persistent. You are affectionate and intellectual.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★ 10/11

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesturday Answer

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

GOLDENDOODLE DOGS Solution: 7 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Nut Bread

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Davis scores 28 in return, Lakers defeat Warriors 124-121

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Anthony Davis scored 28 points in his return to the Lakers lineup after missing two games due to injury, and Los Angeles defeated Golden State 124-121 Sunday night in the Warriors' first game since the practice altercation between Draymond Green and Jordan Poole.

Matt Ryan made a pair of free throws with 5.4 seconds remaining to seal the win. Davis, who sat out two games with lower back tightness, shot 9 for 18 for the Lakers, who won without LeBron James, Patrick Beverley and Russell Westbrook in the lineup.

Davis, who scored 24 points before halftime, played the opening shift of the second half before taking a seat after 21 total minutes. Kendrick Nunn scored 21 points and Ryan added 20 on 6-for-9 shooting from outside the arc.

Poole led the Warriors with 25 points on 10-for-19 shooting, and added six assists. Green fought with Poole during practice Wednesday. Green apologized to the team a day later and general manager Bob Myers said any potential discipline would be handled internally. Meanwhile, Green was unavailable, saying he will take some time away from the team.

Stephen Curry scored 24 points and Andrew Wiggins added 15 for the Warriors. Jonathan Kuminga (12 points) started in Green's place, while Poole replaced Klay Thompson, who is still building up for the regular season.

In the first half, Davis performed at the level the Lakers will need him if they are to improve on last season's 33-49 regular-season record that left them out of the postseason. Davis shot 7 of 13 before the break, making all eight of his free throws.

The game became close in the second half, and neither team led by more than six points in the fourth quarter.

BULLS 115, RAPTORS 98

DeMar DeRozan had 21 points, eight rebounds and eight assists and Chicago used a second-half rally to beat host Toronto.

DeRozan converted 7 of 12 shots and all seven of his free throws. Javonte Green scored 17 points and Ayo Dosunmu added 14. Nikola Vucevic finished with 13 points and nine rebounds.

Paschal Siakam led the Raptors with 18 points and nine rebounds. The starting Toronto backcourt of Gary Trent Jr. and Fred VanVleet carried the Raptors to a lead in the first half. Trent finished with 17 points and VanVleet had 13.

Both teams played their regular starters, except for missing Bulls guard Lonzo Ball, who is recovering from a meniscus tear suffered in January.

The Raptors built a 10-point halftime lead behind Trent and VanVleet. The tandem combined for 25 points before the break, including Trent connecting on all five of his shots. Defensively, they had six steals in the half, including four by VanVleet. The Bulls had 16 turnovers in the first half.

The Bulls erased the lead in the third and pulled away in the fourth. Chicago outscored Toronto 68-41 in the second half.

TIMBERWOLVES 119, CLIPPERS 117

Karl-Anthony Towns had 19 points, six assists and six rebounds in his preseason debut to lead visiting Minnesota.

Naz Reid had 20 points and 11 rebounds for the Timberwolves, while Bryn Forbes added 15 points on 5-for-6 shooting on 3-pointers. Anthony Edwards had 14 points.

John Wall led the Clippers with 20 points. Paul George scored 14 and Marcus Morris Sr. added 13 points.

The Clippers saw a vision of their regular rotation as Kawhi Leonard, George, Wall and Reggie Jackson all played. Meanwhile, Towns saw his first action of the preseason for the Timberwolves after missing games due to a hospitalization. Still, there was not a glimpse of the potential twin towers in Minnesota as Rudy Gobert, acquired from Utah over the summer, sat out.

The teams were tied at 115 with under two minutes to play when Austin Rivers scored on a layup and Luka Garza hit a 6-foot hook to create enough of a buffer for Minnesota to remain undefeated in its three preseason games.

PELICANS 111, SPURS 97

In San Antonio, Trey Murphy III had 27 points and eight rebounds, Zion Williamson finished with eight points, nine rebounds and five assists in 24 minutes to lead New Orleans over the Spurs.

Naji Marshall scored 15 points for the Pelicans, and Jonas Valanciunas added 14 as New Orleans continued to play with stars resting or recovering from injury. Among those not active were CJ McCollum, Brandon Ingram and Jaxson Hayes, who suffered a left elbow injury earlier in the week.

Murphy was 10 of 15 from the field, including 7 for 10 from beyond the arc.

Devonte Graham and Willy Hernangomez each scored 11 points. Graham added six assists and Hernangomez grabbed 10 rebounds.

Doug McDermott led the Spurs with 14 points, and Josh Richardson finished with 12. Veteran Gorgui Dieng had 10 points and nine rebounds for San Antonio.

KINGS 126, TRAIL BLAZERS 94

In Sacramento, Keegan Murray, the fourth overall pick in the draft from Iowa, scored 16 points and eight players reached double figures in leading the Kings past Portland.

Terence Davis and De'Aaron Fox scored 14 points apiece for the Kings, while Domantas Sabonis added 13 points, four assists and seven rebounds.

Jerami Grant led Portland with 17 points. Anfernee Simons scored 16 and Jusuf Nurkic had 14 points and nine rebounds.

Damian Lillard was held to eight points, making only two of his 10 shots, including missing all four of his 3-points attempts. He did hand out six assists.

THUNDER 144, MACCABI RA'ANANA 97

Eugene Omoruyi scored 25 points on 9-for-14 shooting in Oklahoma City's win over visiting Maccabi Ra'anana.

Luguentz Dort had 23 for Oklahoma City, while Ousmane Dieng, the 11th pick in last summer's draft, had 16 points for the Thunder. Aleksej Pokusevski and Jalen Williams, the 12th overall pick from Santa Clara, scored 15 points apiece.

Jason Suggs led Maccabi with 40 points on 15-for-26 shooting, including 5 of 9 from long distance. Terrence Jones had 15 points and Norris Cole contributed 12.

Willy Workman finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds for Maccabi.

Oklahoma City sat a number of key players, including Josh Giddey, Tre Mann and Darius Bazley. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, dealing with a left MCL sprain, remained unavailable.

AP

Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry (30) dribbles toward the basket while defended by Los Angeles Lakers forward Anthony Davis (3) during the first half of a basketball game in San Francisco, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022.

Ewart Shadoff finally wins on LPGA Tour in her 246th attempt

CAMARILLO, Calif. (AP)—Jodi Ewart Shadoff is finally an LPGA Tour winner in her 246th start, closing with a 1-under 71 in a nervy final round Sunday for a one-shot victory in the LPGA Mediheal Championship.

Ewart Shadoff went wire-to-wire at The Saticoy Club, and the final round felt more like a roller coaster. The 34-year-old from England started with a four-shot lead, and that was gone by the time she made the turn.

Paula Reto of South Africa had four birdies and took the lead when Ewart Shadoff took bogey on the par-3 ninth hole.

Ewart Shadoff regained a share of the lead with a birdie on No. 12, matched birdies with Reto on the par-5 14th and then held steady as the South African fell back.

Reto dropped shots on the next two holes, and Ewart Shadoff held it together on the closing holes. She wound up one shot ahead of former U.S. Women's Open champion Yuka Saso, who closed with a 66.

AP

Jodi Ewart Shadoff, of England, poses with her trophy after winning the MEDIHEAL Championship golf tournament Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, in Camarillo, Calif.

Reto had to settle for a 69 to tie for third with Georgia Hall (65) and Danielle Kang (67).

When she tapped in for par, the celebration was a mixture of tears that friends and players sprayed on Ewart Shadoff.

"That last 1-footer felt like 20 feet to me," she said.

She becomes the 10th player this year to win for the first time on the LPGA Tour, one short of the record set in 1995. None of the others had to wait this long.

"It's a little bit surreal," said Ewart Shadoff, holding back tears. "I didn't know if this moment would ever come. I'm just really grateful for everybody who's on my team. Last year was really hard. I'm standing here because of them. I'm just really grateful."

Ewart Shadoff only knew that Sunday would be a new experience, and the test came quickly when Reto caught her in six holes—three birdies to Ewart Shadoff's bogey on the third hole. But she never fell too far behind and relied on her putter, not typically the strongest part of Ewart Shadoff's game.

"I learned that I could fight through adversity. I can play under the nerves, which it's been kind of a problem for me in the past, is just trying to settle the nerves down and play through it," she said. "I think I proved to myself that I can do it. I proved I can win. It's been a long time, and like I could, I didn't think I would ever be sat here honestly. Just really grateful."

Atthaya Thitikul, the 19-year-old from Thailand, closed with a 68 and tied for eighth. It was her fourth consecutive top-10 finish on the LPGA Tour as she gets closer to reaching No. 1 in the women's world ranking.

Jin Young Ko is No. 1 and has been home resting her ailing left wrist. Ko returns to competition in two weeks when the LPGA Tour goes to South Korea.

Musgrove pitches hometown Padres past Mets 6-0 and into NLDS

NEW YORK (AP)—With a magnificent performance on a memorable night in Padres history, Joe Musgrove brought this one home for San Diego and really stuck it to the New York Mets.

The big right-hander brushed off chants of "Cheater!" after a bizarre spot check by umpires on the mound, pitching his hometown Padres into the next round of the playoffs Sunday with seven innings of one-hit ball in a 6-0 victory over the listless Mets.

"You could see the resolve in his face and the demeanor he had," San Diego manager Bob Melvin said. "He was on a mission today."

Trent Grisham hit an RBI single and made a terrific catch in center field that helped the Padres take the best-of-three National League wild-card series 2-1. Austin Nola and Juan Soto each had a two-run single.

San Diego advanced to face the top-seeded Los Angeles Dodgers in a best-of-five Division Series beginning Tuesday — ensuring the Padres will play in front of their home fans in the postseason for the first time in 16 years when they return to Petco Park for Game 3.

"Can't wait to get back there. They deserve it," Melvin said.

It was the fifth time the Padres won a playoff series — and they took this one without star shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr., sidelined all season by a wrist injury and PED suspension.

They won a first-round matchup against St. Louis in their own ballpark with no fans permitted after the pandemic-shortened 2020 season before being swept in the Division Series by the eventual World Series champion Dodgers.

For the Mets, a scintillating season ended with a whimper at home in front of empty seats. Baseball's biggest spenders won 101 games — second-most in franchise history — but were unable to hold off Atlanta in the NL East after sitting atop the division for all but six days.

Relegated to the wild-card round, New York never fully recovered. Max Scherzer got rocked in Game 1 and, after the Mets won Game 2 behind Jacob deGrom to stave off elimination, they mustered almost nothing against Musgrove and finished with one lonely hit.

No. 3 starter Chris Bassitt lasted just four innings, giving up three runs and three hits with three costly walks to batters near the bottom of the order.

Pete Alonso's leadoff single in the fifth and Starling Marte's walk to start the seventh were the only baserunners permitted by Musgrove in his first postseason start. He was 0-5 with a 6.33 ERA in five previous starts against the Mets.

Robert Suarez and Josh Hader finished up with perfect relief. After the final out, Padres players and coaches gathered for happy hugs and handshakes on the field as a small but vocal throng of San Diego fans dressed in brown and yellow cheered and chanted "Beat LA! Beat LA!" behind the team's dugout.

AP

The San Diego Padres celebrate in the locker room after defeating the New York Mets in Game 3 of a National League wild-card baseball playoff series to advance to the National League Division Series against the Lost Angeles Dodgers, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, in New York.

Then the Padres took the party inside their clubhouse — dancing and dousing each other with booze in a loud, raucous celebration.

"They flat-out beat us," Alonso said.

Musgrove grew up a Padres fan in the San Diego suburbs and pitched the franchise's first no-hitter last year in his second start with the team.

He was working on a one-hitter and warming up for the sixth inning Sunday when Mets manager Buck Showalter came out of the dugout and spoke to first base umpire Alfonso Marquez.

"All Buck requested was for us to check for an illegal substance," Marquez said.

The six umps huddled and then went to the mound. Marquez, the crew chief, felt Musgrove's glove, cap — even his ears — searching for any unauthorized sticky substances.

"I've seen him do it before, checking the pitcher," Musgrove said, referring to Showalter. "I get it, dude. They're on their last leg, they're desperate, they're doing everything they can to get me out of the game."

Marquez said the umpires "found nothing."

Musgrove was allowed to continue, and he worked a 1-2-3 sixth punctuated by a pointed gesture toward the New York dugout.

"It motivated me a little bit, man. It fired me up," he said.

The spin rate was up on all six of Musgrove's pitches Sunday.

"I love him as a pitcher, always have," Showalter said. "I feel kind of bad about it, but it won't cast anything. He's too good a pitcher, and they're too good — without getting into a lot of things, the spin rates and different things that I'm sure you're all aware of when you see something that jumps out at you. I get a lot of information in the dugout that — we certainly weren't having much luck the way it was going, that's for sure.

"I'm charged with doing what's best for the New York Mets. If it makes me look however it makes me look or whatever, I'm going to do it every time and live with the consequences. I'm not here to not hurt somebody's feelings. I'm going to do what's best for our players and the New York Mets. I felt like that was best for us right now. There's some pretty obvious reasons why it was necessary."

Fans yelled "Cheater!" at Musgrove, a member of the 2017 Houston Astros World Series champions that were found by Major League Baseball to have stolen signs illegally to help their hitters.

"I guarantee Musgrove has Red Hot on his ears," Milwaukee outfielder Andrew McCutchen tweeted. "Pitchers use it as mechanism to stay locked in during games. It burns like crazy and IDK why some guys thinks it helps them but in no way is it `sticky.' Buck is smart tho. Could be trying to just throw him off."

Musgrove has said he feels uncomfortable wearing his Astros championship ring after their cheating scandal rocked the sport. He said he wants "one that feels earned" with the Padres.

"Joe Musgrove is a man of character," Melvin said. "Questioning his character to me, that's the part I have a problem with, and I'm here to tell everybody that Joe Musgrove is as above board as any pitcher I know, any player I know, and unfortunately that happened to him because the reception that he got after that was not warranted."

Thinking of Mr. Padre

During batting practice, San Diego second baseman Jake Cronenworth wore an old-school Tony Gwynn No. 19 uniform T-shirt, a giveaway at Petco Park one day this season.

Cronenworth figured this was a night to salute the late Padres Hall of Famer.

"I brought it with me for a reason, so I decided I'd wear it," he said. "Tony was one of the best, so give us some support from up above."

Trainer's room

Padres: All-Star 3B Manny Machado, who had an RBI single, limped back to the dugout after striking out in the ninth and appeared to be favoring his right leg. He remained in the game and said afterward he was fine.

Up next

San Diego went 5-14 against the first-place Dodgers this season and finished 22 games behind them in the NL West.

New York begins its spring training schedule next year with split-squad games Feb. 25 against Miami and Houston. The regular-season opener is March 30 at Miami.

Umps check Padres pitcher Musgrove's ears for sticky stuff

NEW YORK (AP)—Joe Musgrove got an earful—and didn't mind at all.

The San Diego Padres pitcher was working on a one-hitter and about to face the Mets in the sixth inning when New York manager Buck Showalter walked out to crew chief Alfonso Marquez.

Two minutes later, the umpire had a hand in each of the pitcher's ears, as if a magician about to pull out a coin.

"He's not going to find nothing," Musgrove remembered thinking to himself.

Showalter took the extraordinary step of requesting Musgrove be searched for banned sticky substances Sunday, a move many perceived as desperate gamesmanship that didn't throw the pitcher off track. Musgrove completed seven innings of one-hit ball, helping San Diego beat the Mets 6-0 in the decisive Game 3 of their NL wild-card series Sunday night.

"I feel kind of bad about it," Showalter said. "He's too good a pitcher, and they're too good—without getting into a lot of things, the spin rates and different things that I'm sure you're all aware of when you see something that jumps out at you—I get a lot of information in the dugout that—we certainly weren't having much luck the way it was going, that's for sure. "

AP

Umpire Alfonso Marquez (72) checks for substances behind the ears of San Diego Padres starting pitcher Joe Musgrove (44) during the sixth inning of Game 3 of a National League wild-card baseball playoff series against the New York Mets, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022, in New York.

Musgrove, a first-time All-Star, had a 4-0 lead and had pitched to one batter over the minimum, allowing Pete Alonso's leadoff single in the fifth. After Showalter came out on the field, the umpires gathered between the mound and first. Marquez then went to the mound, searched Musgrove's cap and glove, then both ears.

"I mean I get it dude," Musgrove said on the live television broadcast after the final out. "They're on their last leg. They're desperate. They're doing everything they can to get me out of the game at that point."

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Musgrove told The Associated Press this month he feels uncomfortable wearing his championship ring and wants "one that feels earned" with his hometown Padres.

"I tend to be a high road guy," Padres manager Bob Melvin said. "Joe Musgrove is a man of character. Questioning his character, to me, that's the part I have a problem with—and I'm here to tell everybody that Joe Musgrove is as above board as any pitcher I know, any player I know, and unfortunately that happened to him, because the reception that he got after that was not warranted."

Umpires allowed him to continue pitching, and after striking out Tomás Nido for the second out, Musgrove made a gesture with his hand across his nose toward the Mets dugout.

After Brandon Nimmo's inning-ending lineout, Musgrove glared at the Mets dugout and third baseman Manny Machado threw up both arms in a gesture toward San Diego fans behind the dugout on the third-base side.

"It motivated me a little bit, man. It fired me up." Musgrove said. "An opportunity to stick to 'em a little bit and stick it to the crowd. I took it, and then I had to get back to work."

Musgrove threw the first no-hitter in Padres history, the first of a record nine no-hitters across baseball in 2021 that helped prompt a crackdown by MLB that June on the use of foreign sticky substances by pitchers to improve their grip.

Umpires now routinely check pitchers' gloves, hats and fingers for sticky stuff after innings. Marquez, a big league umpire since 1999, said he had been asked for only one similar spot check.

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Musgrove allowed one hit in seven innings with five strikeouts and one walk, throwing 59 of 86 pitches for strikes.

His 28 fastballs averaged 2,662 revolutions per minute through six innings, up from a 2,559 average, and their velocity averaged 93.9 mph, 1 mph more than during the regular season. His curve averaged 2,904, up from 2,722.

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Barkley's late TD helps Giants edge Packers 27-22 in London

LONDON (AP)—Saquon Barkley took a direct snap and ran for a 2-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter to cap the New York Giants' 27-22 comeback victory over the Packers on Sunday at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, spoiling Green Bay's international debut.

Aaron Rodgers drove the Packers to the 6-yard line, but his pass on fourth-and-1 was swatted down at the line of scrimmage by safety Xavier McKinney with just over a minute left.

After Giants punter Jamie Gillan ran out of the end zone for a safety, the Packers (3-2) got the ball back and set up a desperation pass, but Rodgers was sacked by Oshane Ximines at the Green Bay 29, fumbling as the clock ran out.

The Giants (4-1) scored 17 unanswered points in the second half as Daniel Jones, playing on a sprained ankle, led three scoring drives to erase a 20-10 deficit. It's the Giants' best start since 5-0 in 2009 and matches their win total from last season (4-13).

Gary Brightwell's 2-yard touchdown tied the score at 20-20 to complete a 15-play, 91-yard drive with just over 10 minutes to play. On the drive, Jones scrambled for two first downs—after carrying just once in the first half for 3 yards.

Rodgers threw for 222 yards and two touchdowns, but couldn't get any points on the board in the second half. Rodgers connected with Allen Lazard and Marcedes Lewis for first-half scoring strikes.

COWBOYS 22, RAMS 10

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP)—DeMarcus Lawrence returned a fumble 19 yards for a touchdown on Los Angeles' opening drive, and Cooper Rush remained unbeaten as a fill-in starter for Dallas.

Rush passed for just 102 yards. Tony Pollard had an outstanding 57-yard TD run for the Cowboys, who are 4-1 for a second consecutive season after racking up four consecutive wins without injured QB Dak Prescott.

Dorance Armstrong forced the fumble returned by Lawrence and later blocked a punt during a huge first quarter for Dallas, which got 86 yards rushing from Pollard and 78 more from Ezekiel Elliott.

Cooper Kupp had a 75-yard touchdown reception for the Rams (2-3), who fell below .500 for only the second time in coach Sean McVay's six seasons while getting shut out in the second half.

With three missing starters, the offensive line for the defending Super Bowl champions struggled to provide any support for the Rams' inert running game or for Matthew Stafford, who passed for 308 yards and was sacked five times.

Los Angeles has one touchdown in its past nine quarters.

AP

New York Giants running back Saquon Barkley (26) celebrates a touchdown during the second half of an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers at the Tottenham Hotspur stadium in London, Sunday, Oct. 9, 2022.

RAVENS 19, ENGALS 17

BALTIMORE (AP)—Justin Tucker kicked a 43-yard field goal on the final play to lift Baltimore over Cincinnati and into sole possession of first place in the AFC North.

Tucker also made a 58-yard kick in the third quarter, and even when the Ravens (3-2) fell behind 17-16 on Joe Burrow's 1-yard sneak with 1:58 remaining, they could feel confident because they only needed a field goal. Tucker's game-winner extended his streak to 61 straight successful field goals in the fourth quarter and overtime.

Lamar Jackson shook off a rough night passing, leading the Ravens with his arm and his legs on the winning drive. Baltimore blew leads of 21 and 17 points in its previous two home games when it lost to Miami and Buffalo. The Ravens squandered a 10-point lead in this one but recovered.

The Ravens kept Burrow and Ja'Marr Chase mostly under control and pulled off an impressive stand in the third quarter after Cincinnati (2-3) had first-and-goal from the 2.

The Bengals trailed 13-10 when they wasted that opportunity. The Ravens then drove all the way to the other end of the field for a short field goal that made it 16-10. Tucker's earlier kick from 58 had broken a 10-all tie.

EAGLES 20, CARDINALS 17

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP)—Jalen Hurts ran for two touchdowns and Philadelphia remained the NFL's only unbeaten team, surviving against Arizona after Matt Ammendola's late 43-yard field-goal attempt sailed wide right.

The Eagles improved to 5-0 for the first time since 2004, when they won their first seven games and finished 13-3.

The Cardinals never led, but looked as if they would push the game into overtime before Ammendola missed. Ammendola was elevated to the active roster because of a hip injury to starter Matt Prater.

Philadelphia scored the go-ahead field goal on a grinding 17-play, 70-yard drive that lasted nearly eight minutes. Hurts extended the drive twice with 1-yard runs up the middle on third down. Cameron Dicker—playing in place of the injured Jake Elliott—made the 23-yard kick.

Hurts completed 26 of 36 passes for 239 yards. He also ran for 61 yards.

Arizona (2-3) has lost all three of its home games this season. Murray went 28 of 42 for 250 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

BUCCANEERS 21, FALCONS 15

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Tom Brady threw for 351 yards and a touchdown as Tampa Bay beat Atlanta to end a two-game skid.

Brady completed 35 of 52 passes without an interception, avoiding his first three-game losing streak since 2002, when he was with the New England Patriots. Leonard Fournette scored two TDs for the Bucs (3-2) on a 1-yard run and a 1-yard reception.

A boy ran onto the field after Fournette's first TD and was tackled hard by a security guard at the opposite end of the field. Police said there would be no charges and no arrest was made.

The Falcons (2-3) trimmed a 21-0 deficit to six on Marcus Mariota's 19-yard TD throw to Olamide Zaccheaus and subsequent 2-point conversion pass to KhaDarel Hodge with 4:38 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Atlanta did not get the ball back as Brady, aided by a disputed roughing-the-passer penalty against defensive lineman Grady Jarrett on a third-down sack, led a game-clinching drive deep into Falcons territory.

CHARGERS 30, BROWNS 28

CLEVELAND (AP)—Rookie Cade York missed a 54-yard field goal with 11 seconds left, and Los Angeles held on to beat Detroit after coach Brandon Staley inexplicably gambled on a fourth down.

York's kick sailed right and allowed the Chargers (3-2) to escape with a win.

With his team at its own 46 and leading by two, Staley called a timeout and then had Justin Herbert attempt a short pass on fourth-and-2 that fell incomplete, giving the ball back to the Browns with 1:10 left.

Cleveland had no timeouts and drove to the Chargers 35 to set up a shot for York, but the big-legged draft pick from LSU, couldn't convert. He earlier missed a 45-yard attempt.

Austin Ekeler rushed for a career-high 173 yards and scored twice as San Diego, which came in last in the NFL in rushing, leaned on its ground game to win its second shootout in two seasons with the Browns (2-3).

Cleveland's Nick Chubb ran for 134 yards and had a 2-yard TD run. Chargers wide receiver Mike Williams had 10 catches for 134 yards.

JETS 40, DOLPHINS 17

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Michael Carter scored on a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs and New York ran past Miami to snap a 12-game skid against AFC East opponents.

Quarterback Zach Wilson, Breece Hall and Braxton Berrios also rushed for scores to help the Jets to their first 3-2 start since 2017. It was the franchise's first win against a division rival since topping Buffalo in Week 17 of the 2019 season.

The Dolphins lost another quarterback to injury when Teddy Bridgewater—starting for Tua Tagovailoa—was hit by rookie cornerback Ahmad "Sauce" Gardner on a blitz as he was about to throw on Miami's first play from scrimmage. Bridgewater was called for intentional grounding in the end zone on the play, resulting in a safety.

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The Tokahao Ladies were then shut down in the last two innings and lost in a run-ruled fifth inning game, as they could not generate more runs, with the final score of 12-2.

The Lady Eagles are in the top tier of the standings with five wins and three losses, while the Tokahao Ladies fall further into the dugout with just one win out of eight games.

Queen of Diamonds, 5 Kosebakl Ladies, 4

The other women's division game of the day was a close one between Queen of Diamonds and Kosebakl Ladies, with the former winning by one run, 5-4.

The Queens of Diamonds are currently ranked No. 1 in the leaderboard with this being their seventh win and just one loss. Kosebakl Ladies are at four wins and five losses.

The Queens won their game in the prior weeks and rode on their reign of terror into this game, with a clutch last inning run by Thelma Mizer, to secure their win by one run, 5-4. The majority of runs for the Queens came in the sixth inning, with three runs batted in by Kiana Aldan, Sylvina Simram, and Destiny Pangelinan.

Kosebakl Ladies scored one run in the first inning, two runs in the second inning, and one run in the third inning, when they were in the lead until the last inning comeback by the Queens.

The men's teams also had their day of games as the weather held up and their results will be posted in the next editions of *Saipan Tribune*.

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Kanoa Football Club on the same game day.

Results from week three of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 U13 and U16 boys and girls competitive division will be posted in the next editions of *Saipan Tribune.*

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general. So, I am very happy to give this opportunity to them."

With that said, "I am very grateful for Latte Built's staff and owner, Derek Cutting, for [his] support behind this idea, along with the supportive parents and guardians," said the three-time silver medalist of the Pacific Mini Games.

Since the inception, the club has garnered a consistent group of 10 participants and fluctuates up to 20 at times, with a mix of youth and adults.

The Barbell Club teaches proper form and techniques for Olympic weightlifting: the snatch and the clean and jerk. The snatch is a wide-grip lift, in which the weighted barbell is lifted overhead in one motion. The clean and jerk is a combination lift, in which the weight is first taken from the ground to the front of the shoulders (the clean), and then from the shoulders to overhead (the jerk).

Admittedly, she said that "it's a challenging task sometimes with different ages and skill sets, but the main goal in mind is to keep encouraging everyone to be consistent, learn from each other, and have fun."

"Everyone in our club definitely finds it challenging at times but they enjoy it. We have a positive atmosphere and everyone is encouraging to one another," the Oceania Weightlifting silver medalist added.

"The turnout of interest in weightlifting after the Mini Games has definitely risen. I am ecstatic to say that [the] majority of the individuals in our Barbell Club are female, which is inspiring to me on its own. I remember being the only female in the gym training for weightlifting from 2018 to 2019 during the trying times of reviving the sport and it's been slowly growing since then," recalled the seven-year weightlifting veteran.

Labausa said that "the long-time veterans in our sport have definitely contributed to this growth as we all coached each other and eventually others that has led to this growth. I really hope to see this trend continue."

As a last message to her promising members, she said, "It is important to understand that becoming a notable athlete takes time, dedication, and discipline. There is definitely talent in our Barbell Club and I hope that they all develop the love for the sport, in hopes that they compete in the near future and will continue to compete long term."

The Barbell Club schedule is on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5:30pm at the Latte Built Gym in Oleai. It is free for Latte Built gym members and a fee of $10 for walk-ins. Children under 18 are free of charge and children 15-year-old and below must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

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Lady Eagles continue conquest in softball

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After a pause last weekend due to rainy weather, the Sunday softball games of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League resumed once again at the Dandan Softball Field, with the Lady Eagles also resuming their conquest on the field, dampening the Tokahao Ladies' run, 12-2, during the otherwise dry and hot day.

The game was off to a slow start, as both teams were just getting their bats tarred up and their kinks straightened out after a week of no games, with the Tokahao Ladies coming up empty in the first inning.

The Lady Eagles, however, shook off the cobwebs and made a three-run first inning, courtesy of Emy Oiterong, Glare Mabel, and Bel Igitol, for a lead of 3-0.

In the second inning, only Rosie Saralu was able to fare against Lady Eagles pitcher, Felisa Brel, to put Tokahao Ladies up by one run.

The only other run permitted by Brel was to Annalyn Olupomar in the third inning and that was the extent of Tokahao's effort against the Lady Eagles.

Four runs. however, were not enough for the Lady Eagles as they continued a barrage of runs and hits in the last inning, scoring in eight runs. Oiterong, Igitol, Keina Rogopes, Brel, Jay Taitano, Ikelau Teliu, and Verlyn Secharmidal contributed to the Lady Eagles' conquest.

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Team Lady Eagles, along with their family members, pose for a photo after their win against Kosebakl Ladies, 12-2, last Sunday in the continuation of games for the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League at the Dandan Softball Field.

Barbell Club satiates interest in weightlifting

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With the surge of interest in the sport of weightlifting after the Pacific Mini Games on Saipan, weightlifting silver medalist Antonette Labausa created the Barbell Club on Aug. 7, 2022, to satiate the demand.

The USA Weightlifting Level 1 certified coach said the idea came less than a year prior to the Mini Games but was delayed due to prioritizing the Games. Then, "after the Mini Games, there was a surge of interest in weightlifting and I wanted to make sure that there was access for [the] youth. When I was younger, I was never given this opportunity to try weightlifting as a sport or even lift weights in

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Barbell Club member Joseph Ito, a 14-year-old, is watched by Joey Tudela, right, a veteran lifter, as Ito practices a lift during one of the Barbell Club sessions.

In girls U16, Southern United FC nips Kanoa FC

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Southern United Football Club narrowly escaped with a close win over Kanoa Football Club, 5-4 during the second week of matches in the girls U16 division of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 at the Northern Marianas Soccer Training Center in Koblerville last Oct. 1.

The first blood was drawn by Southern United's Summer Manahane in the fourth minute of the game, which ignited the momentum for the girls. Just seven minutes later, teammate Tamia Kileleman-Hix found the back of the net and was still hungry so she ate up another goal four minutes later.

By this time, Kanoa FC have yet to score as they trudged on through the field, unable to gain traction. Then, on the eighteenth minute, Kaithlyn Chavez found her footing and scored the first goal for her team, for a game of 3-1, with Southern United in the lead.

Right after, however, Southern United's Rizza Relucio scored another goal for a lead of 4-1. It was quiet on both sides of the field as the girls duked it out on the field, with neither side able to score. In the 27th minute, Beatrice Gross of Kanoa broke the silence as she scored for Kanoa to edge closer to Southern United, 4-2.

Southern United could only watch as Kanoa closed the gap to one point when Sophia Quintos put up a goal for a close 4-3 game. Despite that, Pia Newakl was not going to give away their team's lead as she put up the fifth goal of the game in the 39th minute—which was enough to secure the win when Kanoa was only able to put up one more goal for a final score of 5-4.

Shirley's 2, Paire, 0

In the other U16 girls' game of the day, Shirley's Football Club silenced Paire Football Club, 2-0.

Alyssa Borlongan of Shirley's scored the only two goals of the game—one in the 27th minute and the other as the final minutes of the game was winding down in the 45th minute.

Boys U16: Kanoa 3, Shirley's 0

The Shirley's boys U16 team did not fare as well as their sister team when they lost through forfeit, 3-0, against

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File photo shows Southern United player Vanika Torres, pink and black uniform, and Kanoa player Kaithlyn Chavez going at it during a match in their spring season game of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League at the Northern Marianas Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.